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For rebuilding Lebanon Kingdom links aid to pullout by Israel

RIYADH, Dec. 4 (Agencies) — Defense Minister Prince Sultan was quoted Friday as saying that the Kingdom will give Lebanon aid after the Israeli invasion forces have withdrawn from that country.

"It is difficult for the Kingdom to give Lebanon any aid, as long as the Israeli forces occupy a large part of that country," Prince Sultan told the Paris-based Radio Monte Carlo in an interview.

He said it was the Kingdom's obligation to help Lebanon out. But such aid must be decided and regulated after the Israeli Army vacates Lebanon.

He said that Israel "might use Saudi Arabian aid to Lebanon as a pretext to undermine the very principle of that aid."

Prince Sultan told the radio that the Gulf Cooperation Council was laboring to "build indigenous defense capabilities."

The GCC — of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Qatar and Oman — is a regional economic integration and collective security pact.

Prince Sultan said there have been "new studies" to set up Arab military industries with help from private sector companies.

He told the radio that the Kingdom was in favor of diversifying the sources of weaponry for the GCC countries, within the frameworks of co-ordination.

"The policy of the Kingdom is to keep the Gulf away from superpower conflicts," he said. "Gulf security is exclusively the responsibility of the peoples of the Gulf region. Involving the Gulf and its territorial waters in superpower conflicts would be in the interest of neither the Gulf nations nor the superpowers."

Prince Sultan added that the Kingdom was pursuing efforts to bring the 21-month-old war between Iraq and Iran to an end.

Saud meets Gromyko

MOSCOW, Dec. 4 (AP) — Foreign ministers of Saudi Arabia and the Soviet Union have held a bilateral meeting in Moscow. A brief news item in the Saturday's Pravda said Prince Saud held a meeting Friday with Andrei Gromyko. The Communist Party Daily provided no details and diplomatic sources had no information about the talks.

Prince Saud came to Moscow in an Arab delegation headed by Jordan's King Hussein to discuss a Middle East peace plan with the Soviet leadership.

Saudi Arabia and the Soviet Union had full diplomatic ties until 1958, when the Soviet consulate in Jeddah was closed in a cost-cutting move. The Soviet government is represented by an embassy in only one Gulf state, Kuwait, which acts as intermediary with other Arab neighbors.

Prince Saud has raised the Kremlin's support for the Arabs in the Middle East. But Saudi Arabia has criticized the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan.

Arab team leaves for Peking Soviets to join M.E. peace bid

ISLAMABAD, Dec. 4 (Agencies) — A seven-member Arab League delegation led by King Hussein of Jordan arrived here Saturday from Moscow for an overnight stop before leaving for Peking Sunday.

The king was met at Islamabad airport by President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq with whom he is having talks.

On Friday the Arab "committee of seven" decided with Moscow officials to undertake "coordinated action" to seek a solution to the Middle East issue. The Soviet news agency Tass has said a realistic opportunity has been created for Soviet-Arab action on a Middle East peace settlement after an Arab League committee outlined an Arab peace plan for the region.

The delegation is on a mission to detail the Arab plan to representative of nations which have permanent seats on the U.N. Security Council. The group has already met with American and French officials.

The Arab leaders were seen off earlier Saturday at Moscow airport by Vice President Vasily Kuznetsov, First Deputy Foreign Minister Georgi Kornienko and other Soviet officials. Tass said. Arab diplomats and a senior Chinese diplomat were also in the farewell party, the report said.

King Hussein leads the delegation that includes foreign ministers of Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Syria, Morocco, Tunisia and Algeria. The Secretary-General of the Arab League and a senior official in the Palestine Liberation Organization.

During his stay in Moscow, King Hussein met twice with new Soviet Communist Party Leader Yuri Andropov, becoming the first head of state to meet the Kremlin chief since the Nov. 15 funeral of Leonid Brezhnev.

Andropov promised that Moscow would continue to support the Arab cause against "Israel's aggression" and promote the search for a "just peace" in the Mideast, Tass reported after their second session Friday.

Tass said both sides said that the "principles" of the Arab peace plan "actually coincide" with the Soviet plan put forth by

U.S. to stand by Salvador

SAN JOSE, Dec. 4 (AP) — President Ronald Reagan reaffirmed United States support for El Salvador in its fight against leftist guerrillas when he arrived in Costa Rica on a four-nation swing through Latin America.

Reagan said after meeting here with Salvadoran President Alvaro Magana that he would tell the U.S. Congress that El Salvador's government had made significant progress in respecting human rights.

Observers said this meant the U.S. would probably continue supplying military and economic aid to the Central American country, as Congress has made improvement in El Salvador's human rights record a prerequisite to further U.S. aid.

El Salvador, with a population of five million, has been plunged for the past three years in a civil war which has already left 40,000 dead, and there seems to be no end in sight.

Magana had traveled here from San Salvador to hold talks with the U.S. president. He said after meeting with Reagan that it was necessary "for all countries to respect the principle of self-determination for the Salvadoran people, exercised during elections last March 23."

Reagan said Saturday any country exporting violence should forfeit fruitful relations with the United States and any other peace-loving country. Reagan clearly had Nicaragua in mind in remarks prepared for the signing of a new U.S.-Costa Rica extradition treaty.

Washington has accused Nicaragua of sending Soviet-supplied arms to leftist guerrillas in El Salvador. The new treaty makes it easier for U.S. citizens to be extradited from Costa Rica, which has a reputation as a safe haven for Americans fleeing justice.

Large-scale trial opens in Cairo

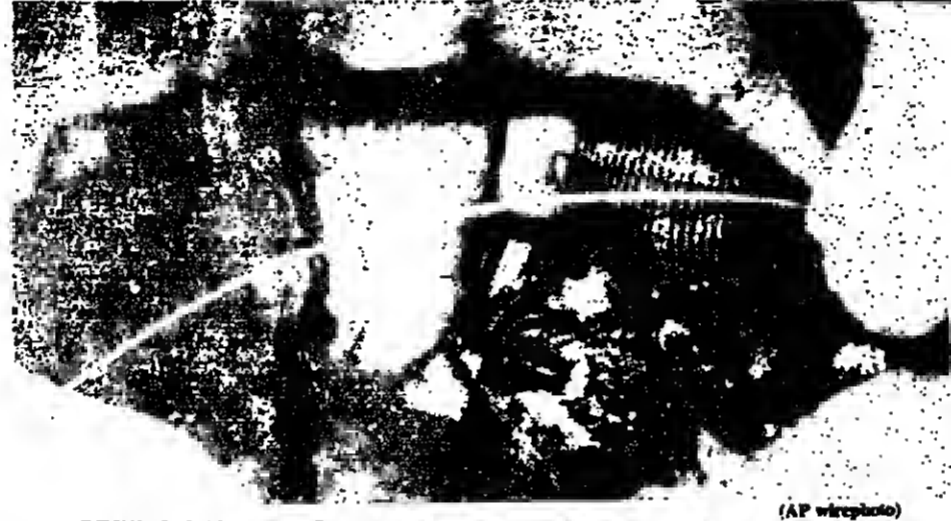
CAIRO, Dec. 4 (AP) — Shouting slogans 300 Islamic activists faced murder and insurrection charges Saturday in the largest subversion trial in Egyptian legal history. All but three defendants, 20 of whom are being tried in absentia, face the death penalty.

The prosecution claimed the defendants, who were held in a dozen cages along one side of the courtroom, planned an armed uprising in the wake of the Oct. 6, 1981, assassination of President Anwar Sadat in hopes of establishing an Iran-style Islamic regime.

The murder charges stem from the deaths of some 90 persons in an uprising in the southern city of Assut after Sadat's death.

The defendants include a blind Muslim preacher, Sheikh Omar Abdul-Rahman, who officials claim issued religious directives justifying the killing of Sadat.

Others include a former army colonel as well as university students, civil servants, medical doctors and workers.



ARTIFICIAL HEART: This photo shows the artificial heart in the chest of Barney B. Clark, who received it in an operation Thursday at the University of Utah Medical Center in Salt Lake City.

Heart patient doing well

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 4 (AP) — A retired dentist, his artificial heart pumping steadily and "working beautifully," is sitting up, asking questions and talking to his wife as his health improves, doctors say.

A respirator was removed Friday from Barney Clark's throat, and his first request was for water, said Dr. Chase Peterson, vice president of health sciences at the University of Utah.

Iran claims help to Iraq fuels war

NICOSIA, Dec. 4 (AP) — Iranian President Ali Khamenei said in a Friday sermon at Tehran University campus that external military and financial aid to Iraq was prolonging the Iran-Iraq war, but "Iran will win the war sooner or later."

He added that both the West and East and Arab countries were giving Iraq tens of billions of dollars in arms and money in order to "create a balance" of power in the region and help Iraqi President Saddam Hussein remain in power.

"However, they are ignorant of the fact that financial aid cannot establish a balance. By supporting the Iraqi regime they are prolonging the war," he said, according to the agency.

Stressing no amount of help would enable the Iraqis to face the Iranian forces "of one million faithful," Khamenei said Iran never desired the continuation of the war.

PLO, Jordan accord

AMMAN, Dec. 4 (AP) — Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) have agreed to set up a joint negotiating team for future Middle East peace talks, a senior Palestinian official said in an interview published here Friday.

Yasser Abed Rabbo, head of the PLO Information Department, told the English-language Jordan Times that the subject was discussed during talks between King Hussein and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat last week.

But Abed Rabbo added: "Specifics on the form of the team have not been agreed on yet."

China back to rule of law

PEKING, Dec. 4 (R) — China's parliament Friday ratified a new state constitution restoring the post of president and legally obliging the country's one billion inhabitants to practise birth control.

National People's Congress (NPC) delegates approved the text by 3,037 votes to nil with three abstentions. Officials said the new head of state — the first since Mao Tse-tung's Red Guards banded Liu Shaoqi from office in 1967 — would not be appointed until next year. The new constitution replaces the 1978 leftist charter promulgated under then-Premier Hua Guofeng, now disgraced.

Building gets the shakes as Eve throw weight

PENZANCE, Dec. 4 (AP) — An exercise class for overweight women is no longer being held on the city hall's second floor because the building was being "seriously overstressed."

The class of 40 women — mostly wives in their thirties nicknamed "the podgers of Penzance" — was moved to a ground floor room in the civic complex in this town on England's southwest tip.

"The building literally moved every time they were up there doing their exercises. We had to report it to the council," said a city hall spokesman. He said the city engineer estimated the class weighed more than three tons.

"Vibration in the ceiling was becoming more prominent. The structural engineer reported that the timber joints were seriously overstressed," said Desmond Hosken, secretary of Penwith District Council. "Putting it right could run into thousands of pounds," he said.

Janet Blackburn, an organizer of the class, officially known as the Peninsular School of Dance, said the class moved to a ground floor room next to the magistrates' court.

"We really are very sorry it has happened," she said.

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U.S. maneuvers begin in Oman

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 (AP) — The U.S. aircraft carrier Enterprise is participating in unpublicized maneuvers this week in Oman, informed sources said here.

The carrier's mission is to provide air cover for a simulated landing by 1,000 marines on a beach in Oman.

Two B-52 bombers and a number of Airborne warning and control system (AWACS) radar jets are also participating in the exercises, called "Jade Tiger," the sources said.

The maneuvers are to last until Tuesday, the sources said. The Pentagon declined to confirm the account, reportedly because the Omani government asked the United States to keep the maneuvers secret.

Other U.S. exercises are to take place next week in Somalia and Sudan. In Somalia, an anti-aircraft test will be conducted, while in Sudan, the Green Berets, an elite special outfit of the U.S. army, will conduct commando-type maneuvers.

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Bigger U.S. role sought in Kingdom's projects

By Javid Hassan
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Dec. 4 — Commerce Minister Dr. Solaiman A. Solaim Saturday called for greater United States participation in the Kingdom's development projects. Speaking at a press conference on the occasion of the visit to Riyadh of U.S. Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige, Dr. Solaim said the Kingdom, with its political stability and enlightened leadership, offered an excellent opportunity to the United States for boosting its exports, especially of products such as industrial robots and other labor-saving devices.

"The emphasis now is shifting to productive sectors and if you pass the opportunities offered, the Europeans, the Japanese and the Asians will take them," Dr. Solaim said, adding the Americans already have substantial presence in the Kingdom in the form of 500 American companies, 40,000 U.S. nationals and the more than \$35 billion American investment in this country.

The size of this participation could be enlarged to the benefit of the United States where, according to the latest statistics, 12 million Americans, or 10.8 percent of the population, are unemployed.

"When you keep in mind that each one billion dollars of exports provides at least 30,000 jobs and that the Saudi Arabian market is one of the few remaining active markets in the time of recession, you can draw the right conclusion," Dr. Solaim said. These exports he said, should be geared to the country's economic strategy which is now paying greater accent on the productive sectors than in the past when the focus of attention was the building of infrastructure, most of which has been completed.

Earlier, Baldrige, who is heading a 34-member delegation, said it represents six major sectors — agriculture, world resources technology, aviation and avionics, operation and maintenance, manpower development and agro-industries.

"They have come here to see how they can contribute to Saudi Arabia's economy and with this end in view will be meeting the Saudi Arabian government authorities and members of the private sector."

Tracing the history of the development of cooperation between the Kingdom and the United States, Dr. Solaim said the story goes back to the early 30s when the Americans and the British were vying with each other over oil concessions in the region.

"King Abdul Aziz, perhaps with the



Dr. Solaiman A. Solaim

experience of the Weimer republic in the book of his mind," stipulated that the payment should be in gold," Dr. Solaim said. "The British, proud of their sterling, refused. The Americans ... agreed and started the fabulous success story today called ARAMCO."

He said that in narrating this he was trying to drive home the point that when there is a combination of businessmen able to take risk and an administration capable of dismantling trade barriers, "you are bound to have an edge over your competitors."

Abdullah Olaiyan, secretary-general of the Saudi Arabian Chambers of Commerce, said Saudi Arabia ranks as the sixth largest importer from the U.S.

Subscribers hail new telephone billing system

JEDDAH, Dec. 4 — Several suggestions were made for increasing the already positive response to Saudi Telephone's new billing system, especially during the summer months at a recent subscriber service meeting. Fouad Abu Mansour, assistant deputy minister for operations and maintenance at Saudi Telephone, was a key participant.

It was suggested that if the customer plans

1.55b local calls made in one year

JEDDAH, Dec. 4 — More than 1,550,000,000 local and 19,300,000 long distance telephone calls were made in all Saudi cities during the past 12 months, *Al-Madina* reported. Inter-city calls totaled 150 million during the same period, according to Rahie Sadek Dahlan, the director general of Saudi Telephone and Telex for the Western Province.

to be absent for a lengthy period of time, he should either pay his telephone bill in advance or arrange with someone to pay his bill for him.

By paying his telephone bill when it is due and by making sure his bill is paid when he is absent, the customer will not be inconvenienced.

It was suggested that better understanding of the Saudi Telephone billing and collection cycle would help tremendously in improving the situation.

The Saudi Telephone billing and collection cycle is as follows: On the first day, the customer's telephone bill is prepared for the most recent billing period.

Between the 15th and 20th days, the customer receives his bill at his P.O. box or else the customer receives a telephone call explaining that his bill can be picked up and paid at the local payment office.

Between the 40th and 44th days, a customer who has not paid his bill receives a call

from the payment office explaining that his bill is overdue and that his service could be disconnected in five days.

On the 45th day, the customer's service is disconnected and a recorded message is placed on the line. This message explains that his outstanding bill must be paid or he will lose his telephone number and his right to have telephone service.

Saudi Telephone to get subscriber mini-buses

JEDDAH, Dec. 4 — Saudi Telephone here will secure 13 mini-buses to carry subscribers when they take the company's inspector to check the location of the houses where they wish a telephone to be installed, *Al-Madina* reported Saturday. Five of the new buses, which can carry up to 15 passengers, will be received Sunday and Monday, while the remaining eight will be delivered shortly.

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donation will be used to establish a library at the university and share in a permanent fund.

Dr. Ahmed Muhammad Ali, chairman of the bank, and Ismail Muhammad Nazim, the university's founder, signed the agreement.

Sri Lanka's ambassador to the Kingdom attended the signing ceremony.

Jewelry showroom to open

JEDDAH. — Yusef Abdul Latif Jameel and Ibrahim Muhammad will display an invaluable collection of jewelry in their new showroom, the Boucheron, in the Sahari Center, here. The showroom will be formally inaugurated Dec. 6.

Labor coordination

RIYADH. (SPA) — Coordination among

labor offices in the Central Province was discussed recently here by Ahmad Al-Yahya, labor and social affairs undersecretary during meetings with the directors of local labor offices. During the meetings various problems confronting the offices were discussed along with the implementation by the private sector of labor regulations and ways and means of simplifying work permits.

ISF grateful

JEDDAH. (SPA) — The Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF) recently sent a cable to Crown Prince Abdullah, viceroy, first deputy premier and commander of the national guard, lauding King Fahd and his support for the fund. In his cable, fund's President's Abbas Qassaw said the support had enabled the fund to shoulder its responsibilities.

Delegation returns

RIYADH. (SPA) — Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Algosaibi and his accompanying delegation returned here Friday night from Manama where he had attended a signing ceremony to launch the Saudi-Bahraini Aluminium Marketing Company.

New dual language company established

American-style auction in the offing

By K.S. Ramkumar
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Dec. 4 — A new dual language (Arabic and English) company has been established to promote auction in the "American style."

The 30-year-old Anter International, run by Derwood Anter who is of Lebanese heritage, and his son Michael Anter at Phoenix, and the office of Prince Bander Ibn Khalid Abdul Aziz formed a new company six months ago called Bander-Trans-World-Auctioneers with offices in Jeddah and Phoenix. A third office is scheduled to open at Dhahran early in 1983.

"Until a couple of years ago, all large auc-



Derwood Anter

tions of construction equipment were conducted in American-style and in English only with a few Arab translators to assist the crowd," Derwood Anter explained.

But the Arab American Oil Company (ARAMCO) decided that its future sales should be conducted in Arabic since the majority of buyers are Arabs.

The Anter Company was contracted and hired to train the personnel of the only other dual language company operating in the Kingdom and to personally sell the major portion of the equipment, thus insuring a successful first sale of its kind in the Kingdom. After several joint ventures with other companies had failed to reach the desired standards, the company and the Prince Bander's office formed the new company.

"Why was his company contracted? asked Anter. "It's simple. Besides having a three-decade standing, the company's auctioneers can auction in both Arabic and English simultaneously."

The company's principal auctioneers are Derwood Anter who is in charge of the Jeddah office and Abdullah T. Harbarah, district manager of Western Region. In charge of the U.S. office is Derwood Anter's son Michael.

The Anters said Bander Trans-World-Auctioneers has scheduled several auctions throughout the Kingdom in February and March 1983, including one in Jeddah.

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"The Anter Company has conducted sales throughout the Middle East and the rest of the world and is ready willing and able to bring to all companies in the Kingdom the most productive group available," the elder Anter said.

The father and son said their company's annual total auction sales is to the tune of \$100 million all over the world, with the Middle East accounting for half of it.



Michael Anter

Auction held 'for the birds'

'Ducks Unlimited' finds support in Dhahran

By Jean Grant
Al Khobar Bureau

DHAHRAN, Dec. 4 — "A-bunting we will go" shout hunters everywhere in late fall. From Maine to the Canadian Northwest hunters don red jackets and musters shotguns to search for deer, moose and ducks. Over British hills and dales, the followers of John Peel ride to bounds in search of russet, yellow-eyed foxes. Here in Saudi Arabia, the sons of the desert hunt hussard with their falcons, thus preserving a traditional sport and ensuring conservation.

Unacquainted with falconry and far from their own happy hunting grounds, 200 jolly expatriate hunters now resident in Dhahran, Jubail, Ras Tanura, Alkhobar and Abqaiq celebrated the opening of the hunting season recently with a fund-raising dinner for "Ducks Unlimited" at Dhahran's Ramada Inn.

"Ducks Unlimited" (DU) was founded to help create more wetlands in 1937 when many waterfowl breeding grounds were being lost as a result of the draining and cultivation of existent wetlands. DU has tried to compensate by raising funds (over \$165 million since 1937) to restore prime waterfowl breeding grounds in Canada where over 70 percent of North America's waterfowl are hatched.

Local duck fanciers, led by Bob O'Neil and Joe Rye, have thus set up the first overseas branch of "Ducks Unlimited" in Dhahran. The response to DU "was better than we ever dreamed it could be," O'Neil told *Arab News*.

"It's all for the ducks," continued O'Neil. To raise money for the restoration of marshlands, local duck fanciers auctioned off 35 items, all having to do with ducks. There were duck decoys, waterfowl paintings, Austrian cut crystal ducks, and porcelain ducks. Pictures of shotguns, (the guns were not themselves on hand), for inspection were viewed by prospective buyers. If tempted to purchase one of the guns tagged at \$2,900, the buyer wrote a check to have the gun delivered to a U.S. address.

Six auctioneers took turns disposing of the items.

"There was none of that fast talking usually associated with auctions," O'Neil said. "We



SUPPORTING 'DUCKS UNLIMITED': Bob O'Neil is shown here in his Alkhobar living room with duck decoys and a stuffed Canada goose shot in Mississippi and brought to Saudi Arabia.

just pleaded and cajoled." The auction netted twice as much as had been originally anticipated and allowed the fledgling Dhahran branch of DU to contribute over SR50,000 to this year's DU goal of \$37 million.

The highlight of the fund-raising dinner was a duck calling contest. Each contestant was equipped with a duck call—a 3 or 4 inch-long piece of asage wood with a plastic reed within. As the caller blows, the reed vibrates, emitting a great duckish squawk. It sounds like a mama duck, bawling out her brood. If the duck caller is skilled, all the ducks in the neighboring skies swoop down to see what all the commotion is about. It's not as easy to do as it at first appears: most duck callers, claims O'Neil, succeed only in scaring the ducks away.

The hunt is in O'Neil's bones and he loves it, but he loves the ducks, too. He has raised wild turkeys in his garage in California and devoted 320 acres to wildlife, building nesting facilities for ducks and Canada geese back home.

Asked whether the pleasure in this blood-

sport lies in the kill itself, O'Neil replied "I don't think hunters enjoy the killing. It is the chase that is the excitement: The rigamarole of getting into the marsh before daylight, putting out the decoys, calling the ducks with the duck call and then seeing them circling down in response to the squawk."

American anti-hunting lobbyists argue that a ban on hunting would save many bird species, but O'Neil disagrees. Since most of the habitat left for ducks lies in private property, owners would not pay the high cost of maintaining it if they couldn't hunt on their own land. And with the resultant loss of these wetlands, much other wildlife besides the ducks would suffer. Hunters do not slaughter whole species but "take only a reasonable harvest of the resource, only what they can eat."

Prayer Times

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Dhuhr (Noon)	12:11	12:12	11:43	11:30	11:55	12:24
Asr (Afternoon)	3:17	3:13	2:44	2:28	2:52	3:18
Maghreb (Sunset)	5:39	5:34	5:05	4:48	5:13	5:38
Isha (Night)	7:09	7:04	6:35	6:18	6:43	7:08

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Prince Talal wants U.S. to keep aiding UN fund

By Tim Miller

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 — Prince Talal bin Abdul Aziz has urged the U.S. officials to preserve funding for the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

The 52-year-old brother of King Fahd made the plea when he toured the Children's Hospital at the National Medical Center here, as part of a promotion for UNICEF, an international agency that aids children of the Third World.

Prince Talal said he appealed to the United States not to carry out plans to cut its funding for UNICEF to \$26 million from \$41.1 million.

"To do that will make it very difficult for us to ask other countries for donations," he said. UNICEF is headed by an American. Congressional aides pointed out.

Prince Talal met several U.S. officials, including counselor to the president, Edwin Meese, and Secretary of Health and Human Services Richard Schweiker Thursday. He did not comment on whether the officials had promised to seek full funding for UNICEF.

Congress has yet to act on President Reagan's funding request. Prince Talal has been a special envoy for UNICEF since 1980.

UNICEF bazar raises SR 55,000

ALKHOBAR, Dec. 4 — The women of the Olayan's Al Zahra Recreation Center held a fund raising bazar Friday and collected SR55,000 in aid of UNICEF which helps the less fortunate children of the world.

Starting on Nov. 12, the Center sponsored a swim by two women who swam 110 links (2,200 meters) and raised SR5,500. On Nov. 18, it had a jazz exercise session in which women exercised for four hours continuously and raised SR1,300.

These were followed by a bazar at the Center and a film show of "ET," children's games, handicraft, a cake sale and a jumble sale.

Power network will service seven villages

NAMMAS, Dec. 4 (SPA) — A power network to illuminate seven villages in the Nammas area will be completed within a month's time, it was announced Saturday.

The project will be handed over to the Nammas Electricity Company's branch in Dhahira. The seven villages which will receive the electricity services under the project are Iraq, Ammasia, Maama, Al Yissad, Bardah, Al Baniyah and Sqik.

Nijran model villages planned after survey

NURAN, Dec. 4 — A comprehensive survey is being drawn up on the state urbanization, and the economic and social condition of dwellers of the various villages and hamlets here to group them into model villages, *Al-Masa'ayyah* reported Thursday evening.

and has persuaded Arabian Gulf States to make generous donations to improve health and social conditions in the Third World.

But, he said he is "not satisfied at all" being a one-man delegation and said he would like to see an international team of people carrying out the mission for UNICEF.

Prince Talal spoke briefly with reporters about Middle East politics following his tour of the hospital.

Prince Talal said the time is ripe to pursue peace in the Middle East.



Prince Talal

Islamic committee, African Sahel panel formed

ISC discusses aid for drought-hit nations

JEDDAH, Dec. 4 (SPA) — The Islamic Solidarity Committee with the drought-stricken states of the African Sahel formed Saturday afternoon a sub-committee to discuss all aspects of the \$210 million assistance granted to the 10-African countries.

Iraqi Vice-President Taha Mohiaddin Maarouf, chairman of the committee, presided over the opening meeting of the committee's third session. Organization of the Islamic Conference Secretary General Habib Chatti also attended the opening session Saturday morning.

After the inauguration, a closed-session was held. The OIC, submitted a detailed report on the various stages the solidarity committee passed through since its inception and the progress achieved in aiding the African Sahel countries.

The committee was formed by the Third Islamic Summit of Taif in January, 1981.

The sub-committee, formed during the second working session also will discuss on items on the agenda. A comprehensive report

on the steps taken by the solidarity committee to fulfill its task was reviewed at the afternoon session.

The Iraqi vice-president arrived here Friday and was greeted at the airport by Makkah Governor Prince Majeed. Delegates from Kuwait, Malaysia, Palestine and the United Arab Emirates in addition to the Kingdom, are attending the two-day session. Foreign Undersecretary for Political Affairs Abdul Rahman Mansouri represents Saudi Arabia.

In his opening address, the Iraqi vice-president hoped that the committee will continue the progress it has achieved in helping Islamic countries overcome food-shortages and other development problems. He stressed that the OIC, since its establishment, has strived to boost cooperation in all fields among Muslims.

Maarouf warned against political conditions and hegemony imposed by industrial over developing countries states under the principle of economic cooperation. He called

Ahsa planning Dec.25 'tree-planting week'

AHSA, Dec. 4 (SPA) — The Executive Committee for the sixth Ahsa tree-planting week in Ahsa met here Saturday to finalize the areas where saplings will be planted and place and time of the opening ceremony.

The afforestation week, which covers the whole of Ahsa region, begins Dec. 25 about 21,000 saplings are to be planted.

The executive committee is made up of representatives of the Agriculture and Water Ministry, Girls' Education Directorate, Education Directorate and the Youth Welfare. Ahsa Municipality, Sand Movement Control Project and King Fahd University's Agriculture College will contribute to the efforts of the tree-planting week.

The Ahsa Irrigation and Drainage Project

Authority and the Agricultural Research Center also will provide fertilizers and transportation for participating students.

A similar meeting will be held in Zilfi Sunday to discuss preparations for tree-planting week and determine the date and places to be

covered. The emir of Zilfi, Hamad Al-Khathlan, will preside over the meeting which will be attended by officials of education directorates, youth welfare and other government departments.

Real estate loan rules clarified

JEDDAH, Dec. 4 — The Saudi Real Estate Development Fund does not extend loans to nationals who build their houses in bricks, a fund spokesman told *Al-Madina* Saturday. The spokesman said that the fund is not responsible to give any type of loan or assistance to those who already built popular houses (the traditional construction with bricks that preceded the urbanization boom in Saudi Arabia), as the fund gives such loans only to nationals who need assistance to build their houses.

Jeddah tree week slated

JEDDAH, Dec. 4 — A meeting was held at Jeddah Municipality here Thursday to prepare for a plant-a-tree week starting here, Jan. 8, *Al-Madina* reported Friday. During the meeting the number of square meters to be covered by each sub-municipality, the number of students participating in the campaign, the number of workers and the equipment needed was defined.

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Sahel climate presents alarming problems

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Dec. 4 — The third session of the Committee on Islamic Solidarity with drought-afflicted people in Africa opened here Saturday under the chairmanship of Iraqi Vice-President Taha Mohiaddin Maarouf and in presence of Habib Chatti, the secretary-general of the 43-nation Organization of the Islamic Conference.

On his arrival here Friday, Maarouf, who was met at the airport by Makkah Governor Prince Majeed, hailed the role played by Saudi Arabia on the Arab and Islamic scenes. Of the \$210 million donated to the drought-stricken African countries, Saudi Arabia gave \$100 million, Kuwait \$50 million, Iraq \$30 million and the United Arab Emirates another \$30 million. Subsequently, Pakistan and Turkey gave \$20,000 each and Malaysia \$10,000 tons of rice. The decision to come to the countries rescue emanated from the Third Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah/Taif in January, 1981.

Maarouf called on Chatti Friday night and conferred on preparations to open the Islamic solidarity committee's meeting.

The ten countries, not all of them Muslim, are Cape Verde, Chad, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Gambia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal and Upper Volta. Though the term Sahel in Arabic means coast, they are not all coastal countries. Some of them are coastal, like Mauritania, Senegal and Gambia; some are peninsular like Cape Verde; and some are completely landlocked, with no outlet to the sea, like Mali, Upper Volta, Niger and Chad. They all share a climatic area known as the Sudano-Sahelian zone. It ranges from a Sahelian or desert zone with desert climate

and a forest area with an equatorial climate. Sudano means a kind of sub-arid area with a shrubby vegetation. It has a rainfall of between 250 millimeters and 700 millimeters from north to south. Experts, interviewed by *Arab News*, said that there are four types of climate in the Sahel: from north to south, a Sahelian climate, a Sahelian climate and a Sudanian climate — all three sub-desertic — and an equatorial climate with heavy rainfall and dense forests.

Alarming proportions

According to the experts, the effects of drought assumed an alarming proportion from 1968 onwards. There has been a progressive and intensive weather modification that led to a rainfall rarefaction from north to south with a consequent desertification along the same direction, imperiling both people and their animals — people who mainly rely on agriculture and livestock breeding. They died by the thousands, as it rained only a few days and rivers stayed in their beds. Agriculture was reduced to nothing for several years in the Sahel.

Missions active

It is after the rainy season every year, in November or December that the agricultural damage can be assessed. Multi-donor mis-

sions are sent to the various Sahel countries to analyze the data and evaluate the deficit on the spot. The missions group members of the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) based in Rome; the World Program (WFP); the Executive Secretariat of the CILSS ("Comit Inter-Etats de Lutte Contre la Secheresse au Sahel," an inter-state committee for drought control in the Sahel); and representatives of the countries concerned.

For the people of the Sahel drought remains a mystery. The phenomenon has been occurring, on and off, since time immemorial in a 25-40 year cycle. It includes long periods of normal rainfall followed by brief intervals of drought lasting usually two years and exceptionally four. This time, however, the drought has been there for 12 years.

At first, the people of the area thought that the drought would disappear as usual after a couple of years or so, when they saw that it had lasted for five years with no signs of an end, they decided in 1973 to create the CILSS to join hands and fight the drought and other calamities collectively and in an organized manner.

Three years later, in 1979, the Sahel Club was born — a kind of association of the friends of the Sahel — to harmonize efforts between CILSS and international helpers.

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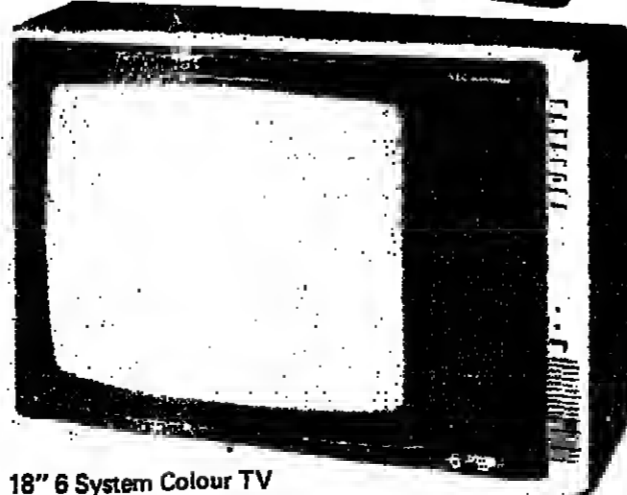
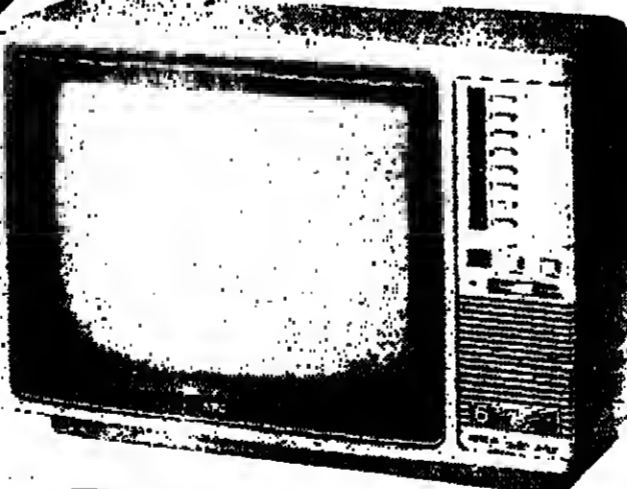
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Maronite-Druze war continues unabated

BEIRUT, Dec. 4 (Agencies) — Maronite Christian and Druze Muslim warriors battled without lull for a second straight day in Lebanon's Israeli-occupied central mountains Saturday. Police said seven more villagers were killed and 24 wounded.

Lebanon's state and privately owned radio stations said three Israeli soldiers died in the crossfire of warring militiamen from the rightist Christian Phalangist Party and the Druze Socialist Progressive Party Saturday afternoon.

The Lebanese broadcasts said the bodies of the three Israelis were flown home by helicopter from the embattled villages of Brih and Kfar Nahrah, about 22 kms south-east of Beirut.

In an earlier communique, the Tel Aviv command said one Israeli soldier was wounded by a stray bullet in sectarian hostilities that flared in Brih early Saturday.

The Israeli command said its troops imposed curfews on both Brih and Kfar Nahrah. But Lebanese radio stations said the curfew had no cooling effect and fighting continued with artillery, mortar, rockets and machine guns.

Lebanese radio stations said the latest flare-up followed a spate of gunpoint abduc-

tions. Police said five were killed in Brih Friday and seven Saturday, bringing the overall death toll in the central mountains violence to about 100 in the past five weeks.

President Amin Gemayel has been pleading for U.S. intervention to ensure an Israeli pullout from the embattled mountains and allow a special deterrent force from the Lebanese army to enter the area and restore law and order. Christian and Druze leaders have been accusing Israel of deliberately provoking the central mountains hostilities to justify Israel's prolonged occupation of Lebanon.

The Lebanese government is trying to boost to at least 12,000 men the 4,000-man multinational peacekeeping force of U.S. Marines and French and Italian paratroopers that has been helping reinstate law and order in the Lebanese capital. The U.S., French and Italian governments are considering a formal Lebanese request to expand their contingents while Britain, Belgium and Greece consider a Lebanese request to join the international force.

Brazil and Portugal have denied that they have recently received a request to send peacekeeping troops to Lebanon, as Lebanon's state radio reported earlier in the week.

EEC calls for withdrawal of all forces from Lebanon

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 4 (R) — European community leaders Saturday voiced deep concern at the slow pace of peace efforts in the Middle East and called for a speedy withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon. In a communique at the end of two days of summit talks here, the 10 heads of government said Arabs and Israelis must grasp the opportunities for peace presented by recent U.S. and Arab League initiatives.

"It (the European Council) called upon each of the parties to assume its international responsibilities without further hesitations," the communique said.

In what diplomats said as a clear criticism of Israel, the community leaders said both sides should stop ignoring United Nations Security Council resolutions and explicitly make known their approval of such resolutions. The communique spoke of the leaders' "greatest concern" at the lack of progress toward the withdrawal of Israeli, Syrian and other foreign forces from Lebanon.

"The persistence of this situation would constitute a threat to the integrity and unity of Lebanon, carrying serious dangers for the whole region," the communique said. The community leaders said that troops could be withdrawn in stages, but should take place "within a fixed and short period of time" and under conditions which would allow the Lebanese government to exercise its sovereignty fully.

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher told a news conference that the community would continue to contribute to peace efforts in the region. Several of the government leaders had expressed their appreciation of U.S. special envoy Philip Habib's efforts in Lebanon, she added.

Gemayel gets Mitterrand note

BEIRUT, Dec. 4 (AP) — French Defense Minister Charles Hernu met for 90 minutes with Lebanese President Amin Gemayel Saturday and conveyed a letter from President Francois Mitterrand. Hernu told reporters after the meeting he was not at liberty to divulge the contents of Mitterrand's message and said the talks focused on Lebanon's military needs.

"I shall form a military working team attached to the chief of staff and myself to study military issues at stake in Lebanon, especially the question of cooperation, in a way that would resolve matters on a state-to-state basis," Hernu said.

"France will contribute in training Lebanese officers and noncommissioned officers in

the use of modern, sophisticated weapons," he said when he emerged from Gemayel's residence in Beirut eastern neighborhood of Sin El-Fil. He did not elaborate.

Lebanon's fledgling 28,000-member army is equipped mainly by the United States and France. Both countries along with Italy provide the 4,000-member multinational peacekeeping force that is helping Lebanese soldiers assert state authority in Beirut.

Asked whether France would agree to Lebanon's request for expanding its contingent in the international force, Hernu said: "This will require the dispatch of a military mission to prepare the logistics aspects first and we are not at this stage now."

Pakistani source says

Soviets may quit Afghanistan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 (AFP) — A high-level Pakistani source has said here that the chances that the Soviet Union would begin pulling back its forces from Afghanistan were "not bad." The source who declined to be identified gave this assessment on the eve of the arrival here for a state visit of Pakistani President Zia ul-Haq.

If the Soviet Union could be assured of facing an Afghan regime that would not turn against it but would maintain neutrality as in the past, the source told newsmen Friday then Moscow could decide to make the best of a bad deal and start evacuating. The evacuation, the source went on, "is the common factor for Sino-Soviet improvement and for East-West improvement — it is the central question which could open possibilities for the Soviets with both China and the United States."

The source was alluding to the fact that China has said that improvement of its rela-

tions with Moscow is pegged to three conditions, one of which was evacuation of Afghanistan, and that the United States similarly lists that issue high on its own roster of conditions for an easing of relations with the Kremlin.

Zia is expected here Sunday. He recently visited both Peking and Moscow, where he conferred with Yuri Andropov, the new Communist Party secretary general. On Tuesday, he is to see President Reagan at the White House. Pakistan also pursues intermittent and indirect contacts with Kabul in Geneva via the United Nations, without having recognized the Afghan regime.

The high-level Pakistani source said Washington was wrong in not encouraging these Geneva negotiations, which he said were aimed at solving the bilateral problems between the two neighboring countries, foremost among them the question of 2.8 million Afghan refugees.

had let through its lines.

The resolution strongly condemned "the expansionist activities of Israel and the policies of... Western and other countries whose political, economic, military, nuclear, strategic, cultural and sports relations with the racist regime of South Africa" encourages its suppression of peoples wanting self-determination and independence.

Evren to start Asian tour Dec. 12

ANKARA, Dec. 4 (AFP) — Turkish Head of State Gen. Kenan Evren will begin a 14-day five-nation Asian tour Dec. 12 that will take him to China, Indonesia, South Korea, Bangladesh and Pakistan, the foreign ministry has announced here.

President Evren will be accompanied by Foreign Minister Ilter Turkmen, Minister of State for Economic Affairs Sevil Refik Pasin, the Director of the Central Bank Mehmet Yazar and a 30 other senior officials. Evren will stop first in China, Dec. 13 to 16, where he will meet Prime Minister Zhao

Ziyang.

From China the party will travel to Indonesia, Dec. 17, for talks the next day with President Suharto and later, Dec. 20, to South Korea at the invitation of President Chun Doo Hwan.

Evren will travel next to Bangladesh, Dec. 23, to meet President Abul Fazal Chowdhury. He will then pay a one-day visit to Karachi, Dec. 25, to see Pakistani President Zia Ul-Haq before returning to Turkey the following day.

Turkish financier given jail term

ISTANBUL, Dec. 4 (AP) — A civilian court here has sentenced Cevdet Ozden, once the owner of Turkey's largest brokerage house, to one year and three months in prison on conviction of swindling.

The court found Ozden on one count of swindling, stemming from passing bad checks to his bank to the tune of two billion Turkish liras (\$10 million), but acquitted him on another count of swindling and the charge of "misuse of investors' trust."

ages and the verdict were not

related to the collapse of Ozden's brokerage house Kastelli five months ago. Around \$600 million worth of investors' funds were entrusted to Kastelli when Ozden declared his company unable to meet obligations and fled to Switzerland.

The state intervened to head off possible panic in Turkish money markets. His brokerage houses were seized by the government and a liquidation process was set in motion. Investors say they are getting their money back as their investments reach maturity.

Reagan plan has 'profound weaknesses'

By Tim Miller
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 — President Reagan's peace initiative has "profound weaknesses" that include a failure to recognize the possibility of an autonomous Palestinian state, a former high-ranking U.S. diplomat has said. "I would have wanted a bit more (from the peace initiative)," said Lucius D. Battle, former U.S. ambassador to the United Arab Republic, and assistant secretary of state for Near Eastern and South Asian affairs from 1967 to 1968.

"I would like to have seen something leaving open the possibility of a Palestinian state — and I recognize all the problems of that position over a period of time," said Battle.

Battle spoke at a seminar here sponsored by the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies. The panel included Nicholas A. Veliotis, who holds Battle's old State Department post.

Battle said the Reagan initiative is a "positive step," albeit incomplete. "I would have liked some clarification of the ambiguity with respect toward territory," he said. "I object to the contradictory statement (by the Reagan administration) that there can be no territorial gains (by Israel) and at the same time a statement that we will not ask Israel to go back of a country only 10 miles wide in some places."

'Unfriendly act,' Shamir says

U.S. opposition to aid increase irks Israel

TEL AVIV, Dec. 4 (AP) — Relations between Israel and the United States appeared to take a turn for the worse Saturday, with Israel's Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir accusing the Reagan administration of committing "an unfriendly act" in its opposition to an increase of financial aid for Tel Aviv.

Shamir told a state radio interviewer that administration explanations for opposing the Senate Appropriations Committee's \$475 million aid hike point to a dangerous link between U.S. aid policy and political differences between the two allies.

"The administration's opposition comes from President Reagan's wish to influence the Arabs to accept the Reagan (Middle East peace) plan," Shamir claimed. "I emphasize, the things which were said, and the explanation... are more important than the opposition itself. What was said by representatives of the State Department was unfriendly to Israel," he charged.

Israel rejected the Reagan plan when it was issued last September. Washington and Prime Minister Menahem Begin's government also disagree on how to achieve the withdrawal of foreign troops from Lebanon, and the administration disapproves of Israel's settlement policies in the occupied West Bank.

An administration statement issued late Friday said the aid increase was "excessive" and "could imperil" the American peace effort in Lebanon as well as progress toward a broader Mideast peace settlement.

A State Department spokesman said there was danger of a "misinterpretation" of the increase, even though the full Senate and House of Representatives have yet to vote on it. He said Arab states might regard it as signaling a lack of American concern over Israeli behavior in Lebanon and on the West Bank.

Shamir said that despite differences between the two countries, "the United States

and Israel are allies, and the atmosphere of friendship and alliance must always be maintained." But he said that during his last visit to Washington, he was assured that "there is no connection between aid and political differences between Israel and the United States."

In fiscal 1982, Washington gave Israel \$2.2 billion, while the Reagan administration requested \$1.7 billion in military aid and \$785 million in economic funds for fiscal 1983.

Shamir told the interviewer that "apparently, in the effort to convince the Arabs to accept the recent American peace proposals, it may be that certain elements in the administration have decided to do something against Israel. 'This is the danger,' he said.

Israel and Lebanon, despite the efforts of special Mideast envoy Philip Habib, have yet to agree on the start of negotiations on an Israeli withdrawal from the territory occupied by Israeli troops since last June.

Indirect PLO-American dialogue reported

LONDON, Dec. 4 (Agencies) — An indirect dialogue has started between the United States and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), *The Times* of London reported here Saturday. It said Muhammad Milhem, mayor of the Jordan West Bank town of Halhul until deported by Israel in 1980, had taken a message from PLO leader Yasser Arafat to U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz in Washington last week.

The Times said Arafat asked him to tell Shultz "the Palestinians regarded the Reagan peace plan as a crucial test of American credibility, even though it ignored their right to self-determination and to their own state."

Milhem reportedly told *The Times* he could not divulge Shultz's reply until it had been taken to Arafat. But Milhem was quoted as saying that Israel's refusal to hold direct talks with the PLO could be circumvented by setting up a Jordanian-Palestinian delegation. The Palestinian members could be persons approved of by the PLO, although not its leaders.

In another development, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said Saturday she still hopes to receive an Arab delegation in London, but made clear she will not see a PLO representative.

A seven-nation delegation, led by King

Hassan of Morocco, was to have been in London earlier this week, but the visit was canceled because of the delegation's insistence that a PLO representative be included and he received at ministerial level. The delegation was to discuss an Arab Mideast peace proposal made at a meeting in Fez in September.

Asked at a news conference in Copenhagen about the problem, Mrs. Thatcher said, "I myself do not receive representatives of the PLO nor does the Foreign Secretary (Francis Pym)." She said, "We always draw a difference between the PLO and the Palestinian people."

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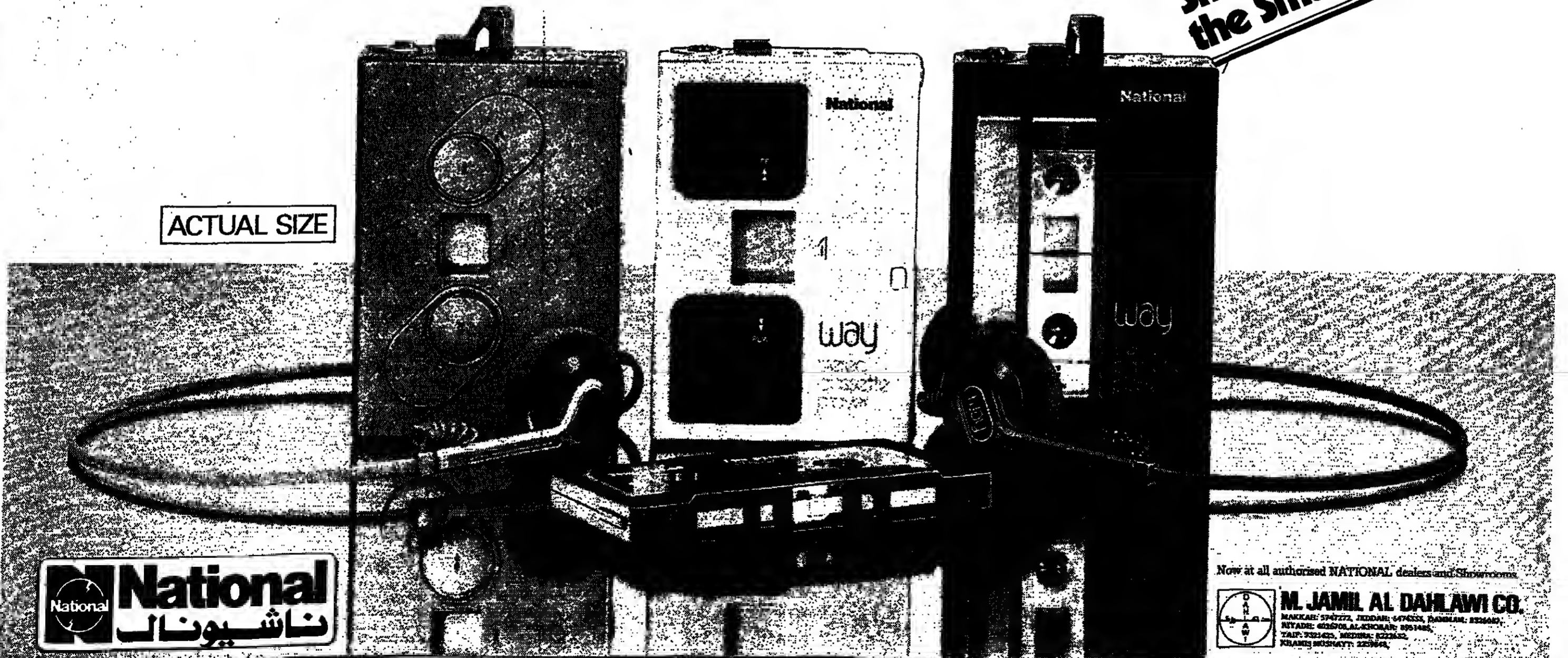
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political structure next year and has repeatedly said the military would not stay in power a day longer than necessary. Pakistani lawyers, who have also launched a campaign for constitutional government, plan a two-hour strike on Dec. 6, the day Zia begins his U.S. visit. (R)

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Row over poll bribing

Brussels politics get a culinary twist

By Stephen Nisbet

BRUSSELS (R) — Brussels, a city devoted to good eating, is having its biggest political row for years over whether giving free meals to voters during local elections is bribery or not.

The Brabant provincial council has annulled October's municipal elections after declaring that meals and entertainment supplied by some candidates may have improperly influenced voters. The annulment is a setback to former Prime Minister Paul van den Boeyens' hopes of becoming the first non-Liberal mayor of Brussels.

The candidates are certain to appeal against the annulment. And if they fail fresh elections may have to be held and the row could hold up the 1983 city budget. "It is unbelievable that communal elections in the capital of Europe should be annulled because a few people were invited to eat a couple of sausages and apple sauce," said Van den Boeyens, civic leader of the French Social Christians, in a radio interview. "Brussels is no longer Brussels — it is clochemerle," he added, naming a fictional village which, for French speakers, conjures up images of ridiculous, back-biting civic follies.

It all began when Liberal lawyer Pierre van Halere, who has been mayor since 1975, saw his party win 15 seats in the October poll to become the biggest single group in the 47-seat council. But political maneuvering behind the town hall's elegant Gothic exterior produced a 26-seat, three-party coalition of Social Christians, Socialists and an independent Francophone Party. The coalition planned to take office in January.

The moves provoked an outcry. The Liberals put up posters which showed the town hall tower toppling onto the Central Grand Place Square and asked "will the winners be the losers?". An opinion poll in the Catholic daily newspaper *La Libre Belgique* found that only 1 percent of people questioned approved of the deal, while 50 percent condemned it.

The culinary twist to the tale developed when defeated candidates complained that four Social Christian rivals had organized variety shows and "Breughelian" feasts for local pensioners and others, a reference to 16th-century artist Peter Breughel who painted

scenes of hearty revelry among the Flemish peasantry.

Election officials who investigated confirmed the basic allegations, and specified that the free meals consisted of pate, sausages and apple sauce. The provincial council ruled that treats like these could sway voters, especially the old and poor, by creating a bond of gratitude toward the organizers. However, the provincial council is itself elected, and the independent newspaper *Le Soir* said it believed the council had divided for to three no strict party lines in voting to annul the election.

The annulment has sparked controversy over the propriety of allowing provincial councilors to pronounce judgment on the electoral behavior of town councilors. "This judgment must give voters the feeling that something really is rotten in the state of Belgium," said *La Libre Belgique* in an editorial. Other press commentators have wondered at the difficulty aspiring councilors will have in future in deciding at what point legitimate wooing of voters becomes attempted bribery.

Free ballpoint pens, pocket mirrors and 20-franc (50-cent) pieces are all attempts, however tenuous, to influence voting behavior. Wealthier candidates used to give away chickens, but now it's cassettes on which electoral slogans are interspersed with passages of classical music," said *Le Soir*.

Town hall sources said the Social Christians and their allies are certain to appeal against the annulment to the Council of State, the country's top constitutional court, with new elections possible in April. If the Council of State rules the election results valid, the new coalition would install a Socialist councilor as acting mayor pending the outcome of an investigation by the crown prosecutor's office into Van den Boeyens' tax payments.

Town hall sources said the row over the annulment would hold up the 1983 budget, adding to the council's burden of coping with mounting municipal debt and urban renewal problems in a city long deserted by many former middle class residents. Before the elections, Liberal slogans promised to make blue the normally overcast skies over Brussels, blue being the party's campaign color. Election promises may be equally extravagant next time, but offers of free sausages will be scarce.



BRUSSELS: An aerial view of the Belgian capital.

Curbs on academic freedom

Reagan sees ghosts in broad daylight

By Geoffrey Matthews

BOGOTA (LOS) — Intellectuals in Latin America laughed ironically last month when the U.S. Secretary of state, George Shultz, championed academic freedom by criticizing Israel's requirement that foreigners teaching in the occupied West Bank should sign pledges not to aid the PLO.

The irony was borne of the long and bitter experience of many of Latin America's most distinguished writers and artists — including this year's Nobel literature prize-winner, Colombian novelist Gabriel Garcia Marquez — of hassles with the State Department whenever they wish to visit the United States, even when invited to lecture at some of North America's most famous universities.

Shultz's pronouncement gained added irony because it coincided with revelations by Argentine novelist Julio Cortazar that the State Department has taken steps toward expelling Angel Rama, a political exile from military-ruled Uruguay who has long been recognized as the foremost critic of contemporary Latin American literature.

Rama, who has worked as a professor of Latin American literature at the University of Maryland for several years, recently learned that his application for permanent residence in the U.S. has been denied because he is considered a "subversive" and a "Communist," charges he fiercely denies.

No decision to expel him has yet been taken, Cortazar reports, but "there can be little doubt that panic which dominates the Reagan administration in this field and its obstinacy in seeing ghosts in broad daylight will reduce it to expel him and so cut by the root an inter-American cultural contact in full bloom."

It is worth recalling Shultz's exact words when he described Israel's edict as "an abridgment of academic freedom" and called on all intellectuals, including Israelis, to "speak unequivocally" against the pledges, which he compared to the loyalty oaths that were the subject of contention at American universities during the McCarthy era.

"It's a problem of freedom, freedom of thought," Shultz said. That happens to be the problem encountered by many Latin American intellectuals when seeking to visit the United States, if their politics are of the left and they are critical of U.S. policy toward their region.

Cortazar's revelations about the case of Angel Rama were in an article written before Shultz made his remarks but published in several Latin American countries just afterward.

Cortazar, now a French citizen after spending 30 years in exile from Argentina, has had

his own difficulties in entering the U.S. to give literary courses at Berkeley University, among others, because of his well-known left-wing politics and regular visits to Cuba as a guest of Fidel Castro.

He recalls one incident when seeking a visa to attend a meeting in New York on the problems of translating literary works. "The American consul in Paris notified me that I was considered a 'persona non grata' because not only was I a Communist but furthermore I wrote articles for the Communist daily newspaper of Buenos Aires. When I asked him, trying to control my laughter, what was this phantom news paper that neither I nor the world's Communists had ever heard of, he replied that that was his information."

To his amazement, two weeks later he was granted a visa, though on arrival in New York he had to wait two hours at Kennedy Airport while his "subversive" luggage was searched.

Cortazar makes his own plea for academic freedom by calling on Latin American academic institutions to rally in defense of Rama. Bureaucrats at the State Department, he says, will finally "have to admit the impossibility that we are all subversives and/or Communists."

Garcia Marquez, whose left-wing politics are also well known though he has never been a member of the Communist Party, has observed: "If they impede our entry (to the U.S.), it would be rational that they also impede our books. If the obscure talents of the Justice Department think twice, they will realize something that Hitler discovered long ago, and that is that books are more dangerous than those who write them."

In the view of the 1982 Nobel winner, the United States' attitude in trying to block entry to Latin American intellectuals is simply "an imperial punishment" against critics of its foreign policy.

Indonesian volcano showing ominous signs of violence

By Peter Griffiths

ANAK KRAKATOA, Indonesia. (R) — Almost 100 years after Krakatoa, off the western coast of Java, erupted and killed at least 36,000 people, a new volcano nearby is showing ominous signs of violence.

Rakata, two kms away and representing the remains of Krakatoa after three-quarters of it was engulfed, became cloaked in vegetation within 40 years. Amid a dense cloud of steam, a flat cone of cinders emerged 60 meters above the sea in October 1952. By March 1953 "the child of Krakatoa" was 100 meters high. It is now 1,000 meters long, more than 200 meters high and growing with every eruption which blasts red hot lava and ash from its fiery crater.

"The child of Krakatoa is growing bigger every year. One day it will explode again," says Amir, a 50-year-old father of four who braves the capricious weather and strong currents of the straits to sail his ancient wooden boat 30 miles from the Javanese village of Labuan to fish around the volcano.

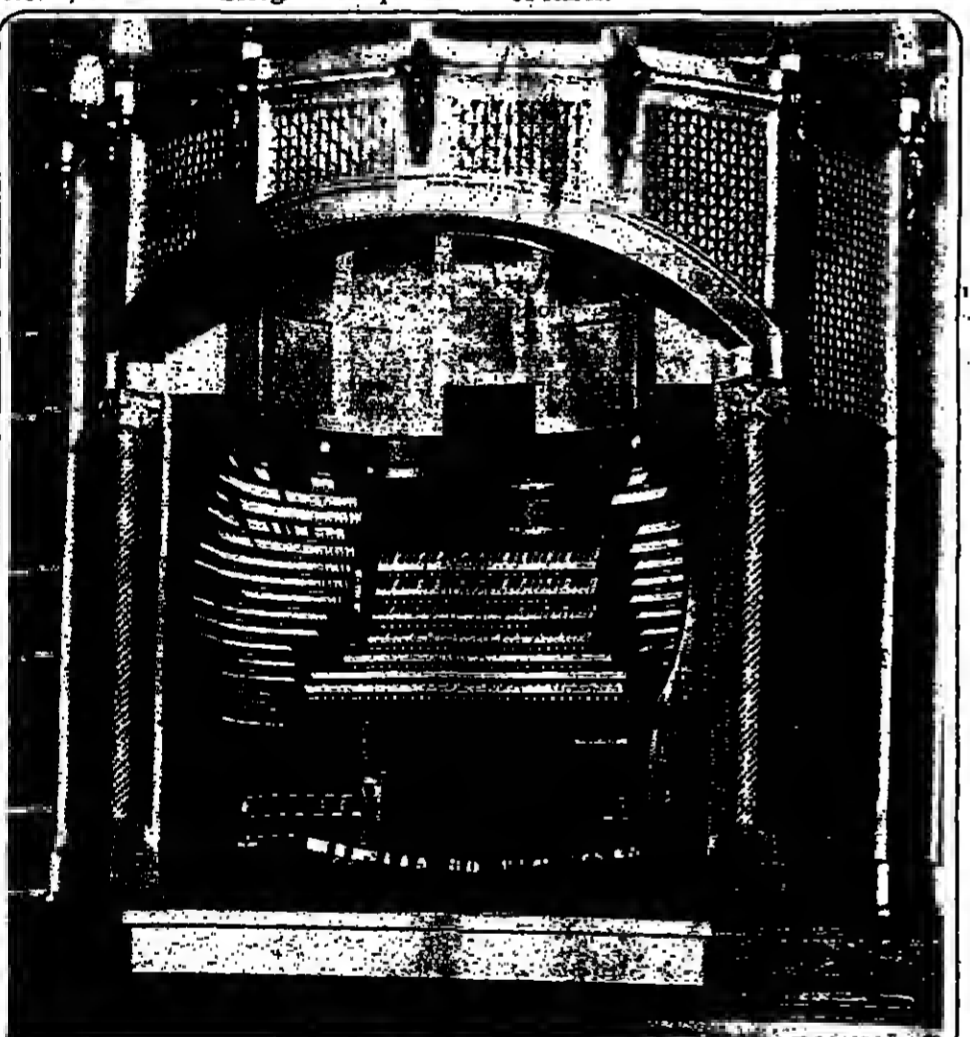
Vice-President Adam Malik has called on the 150 million Indonesians crowded onto the hottest part of the Pacific ring of volcanic fire to humble themselves before Allah. He told some of the 30,000 refugees who have fled from the erupting Galunggung volcano in Central Java: "The convulsions are a warning from the Almighty. You must realize your sins and return to the path of righteousness."

It is not difficult to understand the apprehension. The once-fertile area around Galunggung has been blanketed by ashes. There is real fear that nearby valley towns could be swept away in huge mudslides triggered by the ooze-overdue monsoon rains.

Next Aug. 27 it will be 100 years since the Krakatoa volcano exploded in the biggest natural bang in recorded history. The blast, with the power of 100 atom bombs, was heard in India and Australia. In a few minutes an island the size of Manhattan or Paris virtually disappeared.

A racing wall of water rolled out. Rearing up as it approached the shore, it swept through coastal towns and in Java and Sumatra at least 36,000 people drowned. The wave swept across the Indian Ocean, touched Cape Horn and rolled up the Atlantic. Two days after it left Krakatoa there were unusually high tides in the English Channel, 11,500 miles away. Ash from the eruption covered one million square km and colored sunsets all over the world for two years.

Volcanologists believe the chance that Anak Krakatoa will explode like its father are remote. They say the ejected material is still mainly basaltic, with none of the dangerous increase in silica content which would indicate that caldera collapse — the technical name for the Krakatoa disaster — is imminent. But millions of Javanese know nothing of silica or basalt and for them the signs are ominous.



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Face that launched a thousand gags

LONDON, (AP) — Pop-eyed British comedian Marty Feldman, who died Thursday in Mexico City at the age of 49, wrote one word in the "special peculiarities" section of his first passport: "face."

The face that launched a thousand gags brought fame and fortune to the wacky comedian from London's Cockney East End. The combination of his wild hair, popping crossed eyes, broken nose and played feet was called everything from "freakish" to "ugly."

Star of Mel Brooks' *Silent Movie* and *The Last Remake of Beau Geste*, which he also directed, Feldman once earned this description from the London *Daily Express*: "He looked like something that had fallen off the roof of Notre Dame Cathedral in a thunderstorm."

At the time of his death, he was on location in Mexico City for Dino DeLaurentis' film company making a movie called *Yellow Bird*. A spokesman said he died of natural causes. But a British Embassy spokesman in Mexico City later said Feldman apparently died of a heart attack.

Feldman, who once called himself "a small mini with a Ferrari engine," moved to Hollywood in the mid-1970s to be "where the movie mountains are." Critics here said he had captured America like that other inimitable London-born clown, Charlie Chaplin, had done before him.

Feldman's bulging blue eyes — his trademark — were caused by a hyper-thyroid condition which developed suddenly. He had a thyroid operation in 1962 but the goo-goo eyes remained.

Feldman left school at 15 and started working days as a messenger for an advertising agency and nights playing the trumpet in London jazz clubs. A year later, he formed his own jazz group but *Sunday Times* critic Ian

Christie called him the "world's worst trumpet player" and he switched to the stage.

After a succession of odd jobs in London and Paris, he returned here and formed an act called "Saucy Girls of 1952 and 1953" which flopped. After another round of odd jobs, he formed a comedy trio — Morris, Marty and Mitch — and toured France and Germany but ended up stranded in both.

Back in London, he broke into television with Morris, Marty and Mitch. When the act split up, he began playing character parts on TV with the late Peter Sellers. Feldman made his mark in TV comedy, appearing in *At Last The 1948 Show* and his own award-winning series *Marty*. He helped write British TV comedy shows in the 1960s including *Educating Archie*, *Bootsie and Snuggs*, and *The Army Game*.

But it was his movie career in the United States, as a regular in Mel Brooks films such as *Young Frankenstein* and *Silent Movie*, that made him a hot Hollywood property. Feldman talked at machine-gun speed in his cockney accent, insisted on doing his own stunts, and said in an interview that he never really felt comfortable in Hollywood which he described as "the richest ghetto in the world."

"I miss proper baked beans, the pub and watching Chelsea (soccer team) on a Saturday afternoon," he said. In 1969 his wife, Lauretta, described him as a romantic, modest, sensitive man who wrote poetry, liked to think in the bathroom — and had a temper. "Marty is over satisfied with anything he does," she was quoted as saying in a *Daily Mirror* interview. "He watches the shows at home in more or less utter silence. The only sounds come spasmodically from Marty...temper noises."

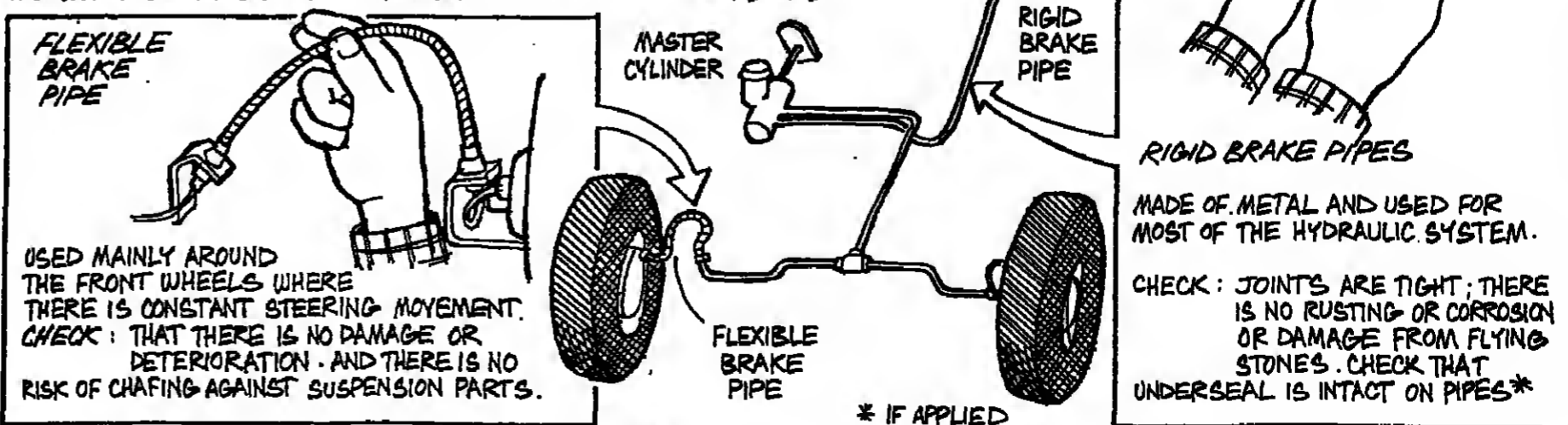
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U.S. experts expect Soviet compromise plan in Geneva talks

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 (AFP) — U.S. experts are discouraged by lack of progress in the year-old negotiations on nuclear European-range missiles. Experts here say the Russians will continue delaying tactics, but are likely to make a last-minute compromise proposal to stop the Atlantic alliance from deploying Euro-missiles late next year as scheduled.

For the first time since the talks opened in Geneva in November last year, the U.S. government has indicated that some progress has taken place. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger said at the NATO defense ministers' meeting in Brussels this week: "I wouldn't characterize the talks as ones in which nothing has happened. Positions have been refined."

He indicated that his government was sticking to the "zero option" offered by President Ronald Reagan on Nov. 18 last year, but was willing to listen to any Soviet proposition. The zero option would mean no European-range missiles at all. In other words, Washington would drop its plan to deploy 108 Pershing-2 rockets and 464 Cruise missiles capable of reaching the Soviet Union from Western Europe if the Kremlin

agreed to dismantle its SS-20 missiles.

The SS-20s carry three nuclear warheads each and have a range of 4,500 kilometers. NATO decided in December, 1979, to deploy Pershing-2s and Cruises to match the SS-20s. The U.S. Defense Department reports that the Soviet Union has 340 of them, of which more than 200 are already aimed at Western Europe.

NATO Secretary-General Joseph Luns seemed to be confirming in Brussels this week that Washington was willing to compromise, when he said that "the United States never said it was the zero option or nothing." British Defense Secretary John Nott commented: "If the Soviets propose something less, then we would welcome it and we would look at it in a constructive spirit."

A West German member of parliament, Helmut Schaeffer, who returned Thursday from Moscow, said the Russians believed the Geneva negotiations could lead to concrete results. But Moscow is continuing its propaganda campaign against deployment of the Western missiles, as shown by a recent editorial in the Soviet News Agency Novosti.

Russian missile test reported

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 (AP) — The Soviet Union has flight-tested a new land-based intercontinental Ballistic missile, a U.S. government source disclosed Friday night.

Development of a new generation of Soviet missiles has been expected for some time, and provisions of the unratified SALT II Treaty — which both sides have said they will observe — permit each party to produce one new model. For the United States, that is the MX missile for which President Ronald Reagan is trying to win congressional approval.

The source, who insisted that he be identified neither by name nor agency, said not enough was known about the new missile to describe it closely. It takes several tests for the United States to learn salient characteristics of Soviet missiles, he noted.

But he said U.S. experts believe it probably is designed as a replacement for the SS-17 or SS-19 missiles currently deployed.

Supreme Soviet meets Dec. 21

MOSCOW, Dec. 4 (AP) — The Communist Party central committee, the Supreme Soviet and the parliament of the Russian republic will hold a joint session Dec. 21 in the Kremlin, the official Soviet news agency Tass announced Saturday.

The year's second session of the Supreme Soviet, the 1,500-member national parliament, was called to mark the 60th anniversary of the formation of the Soviet state, Tass said.

Yuri V. Andropov, the new Communist Party general secretary and the 11 other members of the ruling Politburo are expected to attend the session, although Tass did not mention them in its brief announcement.

Andropov's choice as party chief was formally ratified by the 309-member central committee on Nov. 12, two days after Leonid I. Brezhnev died of a heart attack following 18 years in power.

Taipei plans to control population

TAIPEI, Dec. 4 (AP) — Republic of China — Taiwan, concerned about crowded conditions on this island, has worked out a population control plan aimed at reaching a steady 1.25 percent growth rate before 1989, the government reported Saturday.

Under the plan, which is to take effect next week, government medical subsidies provided under the labor law will be removed with the birth of a third child. The subsidies cover part of hospitalization costs and other medical expenses.

Statistics released by the government said

that Taiwan has 18.36 million people as of September 1982, a 1.81 percent increase from last year.

Taiwan has been promoting a "two-children" family program and certain tax benefits are eliminated for households with more than two children. There are no statistics available on the average number of children per family.

The new population plan requests public hospitals to perform abortions on demand and to give free contraceptives to men and women, a government announcement said.



REMINING THE PAST: The wall of a big apartment building at Wetztingen near Zurich, Switzerland, bears a painting showing one of the homes demolished to make way for this massive structure. The painting is intended to remind the past.

Italian doctor shot

ROME, Dec. 4 (AFP) — A doctor at Rome's Rebibbia Prison was critically wounded when three terrorists attacked her in her private medical room, police here said. The terrorists tied up the five patients present, including a child, in the office of Giuseppina Galfo, 34, and accused her of being responsible for the death of a prisoner.

They then shot her in the head and fled. She was hospitalized in critical condition. The attack was claimed in a telephone call to a Roman daily by a man who said he spoke for an organization called the "Communist Fighting Groups."

It was the second attack in the past few years in the Italian capital against a prison doctor. Dr. Giuseppe Furci was murdered in 1980. A complaint was made against Dr. Galfo following the December, 1980, death of a 24-year-old drug addict.

S.Africa bans Fugard's play

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 4 (AP) — The white-minority government has banned Athol Fugard's Tony-Award winning Broadway hit *Master Harold and the Boys* four months before it was to open here.

Fugard, in the United States to oversee a cast change in the play, was quoted by a friend as saying that he was "flabbergasted" at the news.

Manny Manim, director of the Market theater where the play was scheduled to open in March, said, "It's unbelievable. Someone must have read the play and thought it must have something wrong with it because it has a racially mixed cast. I will contact the board on Monday and, if it is not an error, they will have a fight on their hands."

Fugard has described the play, whose characters include two South African blacks

and a young white boy who abuses them," as "very painful. In a certain sense it is autobiographical — I was like that, frustrated intellectually, arrogant, cruel to those who offered me the most."

The play takes place in the St. George's Park tearoom, run for years by Fugard's mother in the Indian Ocean industrial city of Port Elizabeth. The declaration that the play is undesirable was carried in a government gazette released Friday afternoon.

Sheila Fugard, the playwright's wife and a novelist, said at their home in Sardinia Bay near Port Elizabeth, "there is nothing I can think of in it that would make it undesirable. What that play says about South African society in general is so decent that I can see this action only as incomprehensible."

Desai wants tough stand against Sikhs

NEW DELHI, Dec. 4 (AFP) — Former Indian Premier Morarji Desai has urged Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's government not to adopt a more lenient attitude toward Sikh demands for greater autonomy for the northeast state of Punjab.

Desai, who headed the coalition which ruled for two years after Mrs. Gandhi was toppled from power in 1978, told reporters at Gwalior, 300 kilometers south of here, the Sikhs would soon be forced to end their agitation. The Akali Dal (Sikh Party) had raised the same hue and cry earlier and has been successfully put down, Desai added.

Punjab, ruled by Mrs. Gandhi's Congress Party, has been disturbed for six months by an Akali-led movement demanding more autonomy for the rich farming state, where most of India's 13 million Sikhs live. The Akalis want New Delhi to handle only Punjab's defense, foreign affairs, communications and currency.

They also want 'holy city' status for Amritsar, where a 17th century-built golden temple, the holiest Sikh shrine, stands. Top Akali Dal leaders, frustrated that their strictly policed protests at this month's Asian Games here failed to produce results, have announced they will meet in Amritsar on Dec. 10 to formulate a new strategy.

UNICEF praised

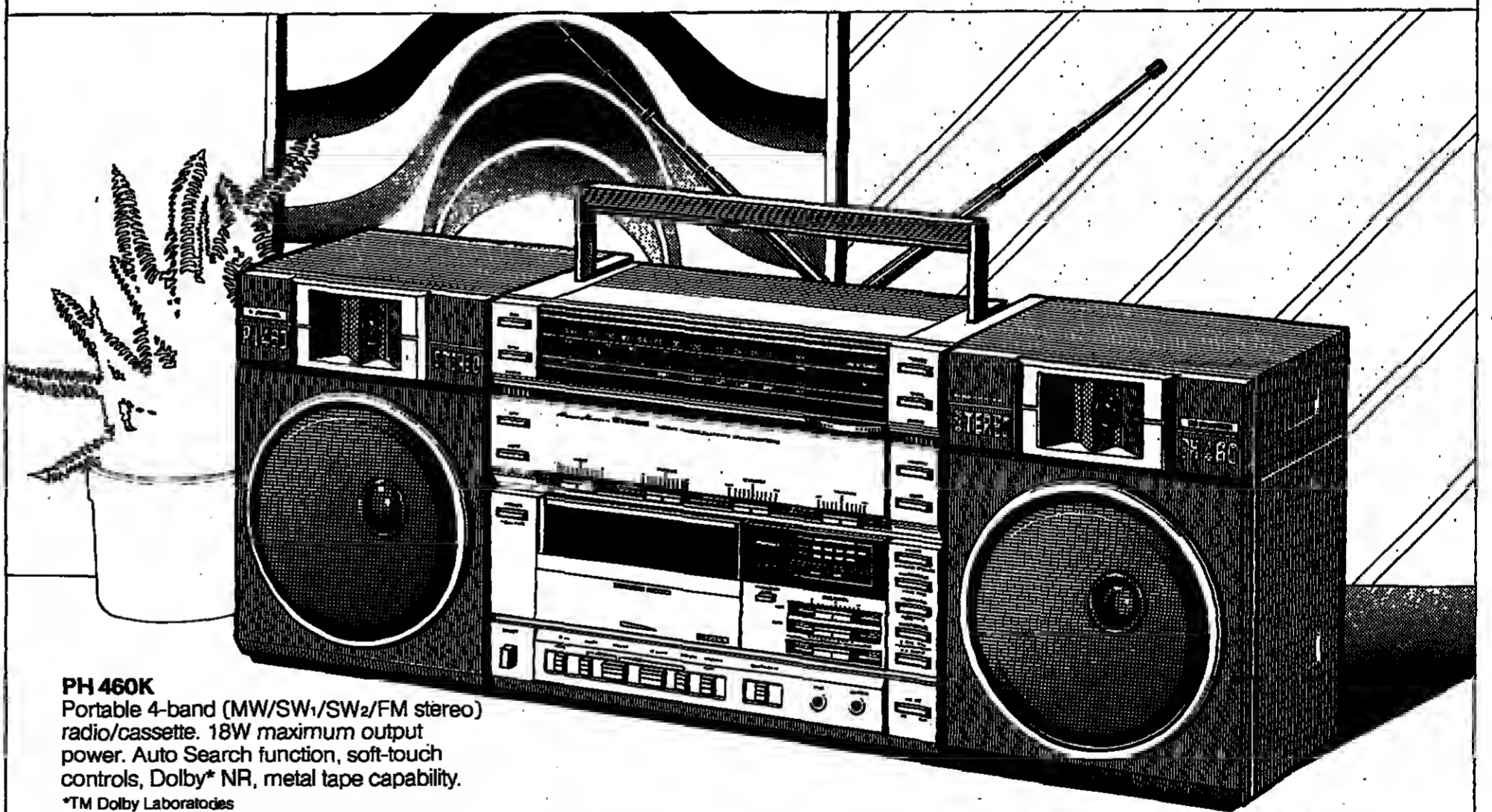
WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 (AFP) — Although the workings of the United Nations have been a "disappointment" to the United States, Washington is "prepared to work harder...for the peaceful resolutions of conflicts," U.S. representative Jeane Kirkpatrick said.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick, at a press conference for foreign journalists, expressed regret about the U.N.'s climate of "hate-filled rhetoric," but added that the work done by humanitarian agencies like UNICEF (U.N. Children's Fund) deserved "our applause."

There are "some optimistic signs" in the General Assembly, Mrs. Kirkpatrick said, pointing to "the revolt of the moderate" and an indication that many nonaligned countries are now "less willing to be dominated by the extremists."

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Singapore declines to confirm arms aid

SINGAPORE, Dec. 4 (AFP) — Foreign Minister S. Gnanapavan has declined to say if Singapore has supplied arms to anti-Vietnamese opposition groups in Cambodia, saying such information would only help the Vietnamese.

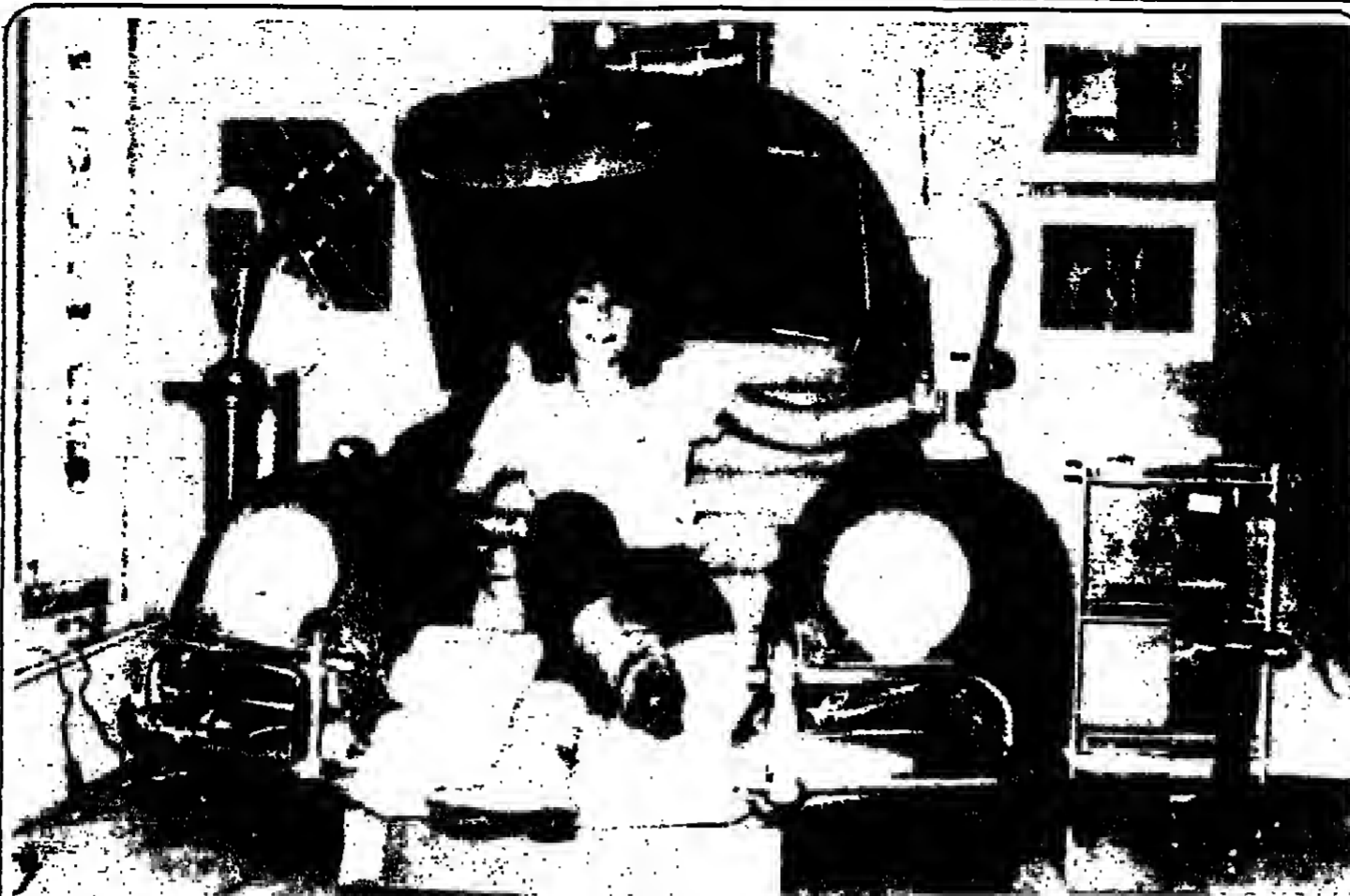
"Public disclosure of who supplied the Cambodian patriots with arms, what was supplied and the conditions imposed can only help the Vietnamese," he said in a parliamentary reply carried by Singapore radio Saturday.

The question was tabled Friday by lone opposition member J.B. Jayaratnam, but the one-hour question time ran out before it came up. The government press section said Saturday it had not been given the reply for distribution as usual. Vietnam has an estimated 200,000 troops in Cambodia, backing the Phnom Penh government.

Jayaratnam asked whether Singapore had supplied arms to the Khmer People's National Liberation Front (KPNLF), one of the three factions making up the anti-Vietnamese coalition with Prince Sihanouk and the Khmer Rouge. Reports from the Thai capital Bangkok recently said Singapore had supplied more than 2,000 arms pieces to the KPNLF headed by former Premier Son Sann, the faction favored by several countries.

The radio quoted Gnanapavan as saying that "the Cambodians fighting to free their country from foreign occupation know who is helping them and how they are being helped." He observed, the radio said, that the Vietnamese, for security reasons, had never disclosed the actual amount of military assistance they received from the Soviet Union and other Communist countries.

Gnanapavan reiterated Singapore's support "together with ASEAN (the Association of Southeast Asian Nations) and the overwhelming majority of United Nations members for the struggle of the Cambodian people to liberate their country from Vietnamese occupation."



MOVABLE FURNITURE ART: Two Hanover art students reconstructed and redesigned a Volkswagen 'Beetle' into a piece of art as well as a comfortable easy chair with built-in stereo radio. The movable furniture art also has a lightened working desk, which is placed behind the windshield. It costs \$2,000.

Salvador sets up human rights commission

SAN SALVADOR, Dec. 4 (AP) — Provisional President Alvaro Magana has sworn in a human rights commission to help counter the government's negative human rights image and take "an honest and viable road" to stop abuses. It was unclear what power and duties the seven member commission would have.

"A government which does not respect human rights as they are universally accepted contradicts the very reason of the state, builds a negative international image and runs the permanent risk of being destabilized," Magana said at the swearing-in ceremony at the presidential palace Thursday. Ultra-conservative Constituent Assembly President Roberto d'Aubisson did not attend the ceremony.

Congressional approval of U.S. aid to El Salvador is conditional on the Reagan administration's biannual certification that progress is being made toward elimination of human rights abuses in this country and assurances that reforms continue and that investigation is proceeding into the deaths of six Americans.

"In El Salvador, the existence of full human rights will contribute to peace and will eradicate the other causes of the national crisis," Magana said. "Starting today, the human rights commission takes an honest and viable road that leads to the embodiment of these rights."

Magana reiterated that he will not engage

in a dialogue with leftist guerrillas to bring peace to the country.

Meanwhile, the guerrillas claimed they killed or wounded 127 troops in fighting over the last eight days in northern La Union and Morazan provinces, the clandestine rebel radio Venceremos said Friday.

The armed forces chief of staff claimed a day earlier that troops had killed 120 guerrillas and wounded 150 in fighting during the same period. The statistics were reported in a counteroffensive by 2,500 government troops launched against rebel positions about 200 kilometers northeast of the capital.

Early Friday, guerrillas launched a harassment raid on the troops guarding the wreckage of the Golden Bridge.

A tale of two missiles

European firms in war of words

PARIS, Dec. 4 (SPA) — The Falklands crisis has led to a war of words between West European missile makers seeking to equip U.S. bases in Western Europe. British and Franco-West German companies making respectively the Rapier and Roland short-range missiles have been arguing for some weeks, following contradictory British and Argentine communications about the Falklands fighting.

This week the British government "categorically" denied a "rumor" that the Franco-German Roland system destroyed five British Harrier jump jets in the Falklands, forcing the British to give up low-level attacks in the Port Stanley area. Britain says only one of the five planes was brought down by a Roland.

The "rumor" was in fact information issued by the French firm Aerospatiale, which said the Roland was responsible for the loss of all five aircraft. Aerospatiale affirmed that Argentina transported one of its two Roland systems by C-130 Hercules plane to Port Stanley airport, while it was still controlled by Argentina.

Citing Argentine sources, it said a total of eight Roland missiles were fired. The sixth destroyed a bomb dropped at high altitude, the seventh was fired at a target out of range, and the eighth missed its target for unknown reasons.

An Aerospatiale executive asserted that the presence of Roland missiles stopped the British destroying Port Stanley airport, because they could not fly in low. As for the Rapier, the British successfully deployed this

missile for protection after they landed troops. A report to the Western European Union (WEU) said Rapiers caused the destruction of 13 Argentine planes.

The argument is now reaching its climax following a Nov. 15 decision by a U.S. congressional armed forces finance subcommittee, allowing the U.S. Air Force to choose between the British Rapier and Franco-German Roland (also made under license in the United States. By the Hughes Corporation) for anti-aircraft defense at U.S. air bases in West Germany.

The subcommittee asked the air force to carry out an exploratory study of the question. The subcommittee also granted credit totaling \$18.9 million. \$51 million above the sum allowed for in the budget.

Meanwhile, four French-built Super Etendard aircraft and 20 tons of munitions and military equipment sailed from Western France port of Marseilles near Mantes for Argentina aboard an Argentine cargo ship. The third shipment of Super Etendard aircraft and related military equipment from Marseilles fulfilled a Franco-Argentinian contract of military sales that had drawn a protest from Britain.

London expressed "disappointment" at the second arms shipment that included Exocet missiles and five Super Etendard airplanes on Nov. 17, but Paris justified the resumption of the shipments ordered before the outbreak of hostilities in the South Atlantic on the grounds that hostilities had ceased.

France embargoed military equipment sales to Buenos Aires after the outbreak of the war, but lifted the embargo on Aug. 10. French-built Exocet missiles launched by the Argentine Navy sank two British vessels during the Falklands War.

For his commitment to democracy

Socialists hail King Carlos

MADRID, Dec. 4 (AFP) — One of the more paradoxical aspects of the coming to power here of a Socialist regime is that it is consolidating the monarchy. The monarchy is incarnated by King Juan Carlos, whose attachment to democracy was crucial for its survival during the abortive putsch attempt of Feb. 23, 1981.

In return for the monarch's proven commitment to democracy, the Spanish Socialist Party, through one of its spokesmen announced its solemn allegiance to his person as "the symbol of unity and permanence of the state" when the new parliament was inaugurated here on Nov. 25.

The spokesman, speaker of parliament Gregorio Peces-Barba, went as far as saying that "the terms of monarchy and parliament, far from being contradictory, complete each other." He added that their amalgamation in the principle of a "parliamentary monarchy" in the 1978 constitution was conducive to "stability" and "progress."

"To say long live the king, long live the constitution or long live Spain is saying one and the same thing," he concluded.

Until then, the Socialists had merely made an accommodation with parliamentary monarchy — just as the king had made an arrangement with a powerful political left. By bringing to power a Socialist, 40-year-old Felipe Gonzalez, Spanish voters may have

ushered in a new era of their history, but they did so with great caution.

The party now in power already renounced Marxist ideology in 1979. It then condoned the centrist policy line of Premier Adolfo Suarez and his successor, Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo. Now it has offered the nation a government program both reformist and moderate. That program seems entirely in tune with voter preferences: Of the 10 million Spaniards that cast their ballots in favor of the party of Gonzalez, an estimated 20 percent came from the political center.

The Socialists' implicit renunciation of their erstwhile republican tenets, in the view of most observers, is welcomed by the overwhelming majority of Spaniards. The king is popular and combining parliamentary rule with constitutional monarchy is another way of laying the ghost of the bloody Civil War of 1936-1939.

During the solemn inauguration of the assembly, the king amply returned the many compliments received from the Socialist speaker. He stressed the new government's legitimacy, even ahead of its official tenure that opened only Thursday. And so, despite an ostensibly drastic changeover from a regime of the center-right to one of the left, continuity in the country appears very much assured between the throne and chamber.

NASA finds space suit faults

SPACE CENTER, Houston, Dec. 4 (AP) — A few cents' worth of plastic and a few drops of moisture caused the failure of two space suits during last month's space shuttle flight, but a NASA committee thinks the suits will work the next time.

Richard A. Colonna, head of a National Aeronautics and Space Administration team that investigated problems with the \$2 million suits, said that now that the problems are understood his committee will recommend a space walk on the next mission. "We will be able to recover and perform the walk" on the sixth flight next month, Colonna said Thursday.

A space walk for the sixth mission has not received final approval, but space agency officials are eager to test the suits in space

because they are essential for activities planned on future missions.

Astronauts Joe Allen and Bill Lenoir were to have tested the suits during a 3 1/2-hour spacewalk on the fifth mission of the shuttle, but the walk was scrubbed when a pressure regulator failed on Lenoir's suit and a fan motor failed on Allen's.

Colonna blamed the regulator failure on a reassembly error by workers at the plant of Carleton Controls Inc. that built the components.

When the regulator was reassembled after modification last summer at the plant, Colonna said, two pinhead-sized pieces of plastic that lock a retaining ring in place were left out. When the ring was loosened, it lowered the pressure level controlled by the regulator.

Chinese staff reshuffle to continue

PEKING, Dec. 4 (AFP) — Communist China's vast administrative reshuffle which began last spring and in which hundreds of thousands of civil servants will lose their jobs is to continue until the spring of 1984, Premier Zhao Ziyang told parliament here.

In a speech delivered Tuesday and made public Friday, Zhao told the parliament that the reshuffle in the country's central administration was now over, and would soon begin in the provinces, autonomous regions and some 2,000 districts of China. There are about 20 million civil servants in this country. The reshuffle, which aims to increase the

efficiency of the state, began with the reduction from 98 to 41 of the number of government ministries and commissions, and of their personnel by a third, from 49,000 to 32,000.

Although Zhao mentioned no figures, the number of civil servants in the central administration is expected to go down from some 600,000 to 400,000. Zhao said low efficiency and "bureaucratic attitudes" were among civil servants' "bad habits," which included decision making without conducting necessary preliminary work, as well as a tendency to delegate responsibility.

CIA escalates activity in C. America

NEW YORK, Dec. 4 (R) — The New York Times reported Saturday that covert activities launched by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) in Central America a year ago had escalated on a huge scale.

It quoted intelligence officials as saying the CIA operation in the region had become the CIA's most ambitious paramilitary and political action venture in nearly a decade.

Before it began, the CIA had less than a dozen paramilitary and political action specialists in the area, the Times said. But it said the intelligence sources reported there were now more than 150 CIA agents based in

Honduras and dozens more in neighboring countries.

It quoted U.S. and Honduran officials familiar with the operation as saying that the CIA had indirectly provided money, training and military equipment to paramilitary groups in Honduras whose avowed aim was to overthrow the leftist Sandinista government in neighboring Nicaragua.

The Reagan administration has said it favors talks with Nicaragua over problems in the area and administration officials insisted that policy has not changed, the Times said.

Advisers planning Reagan campaign

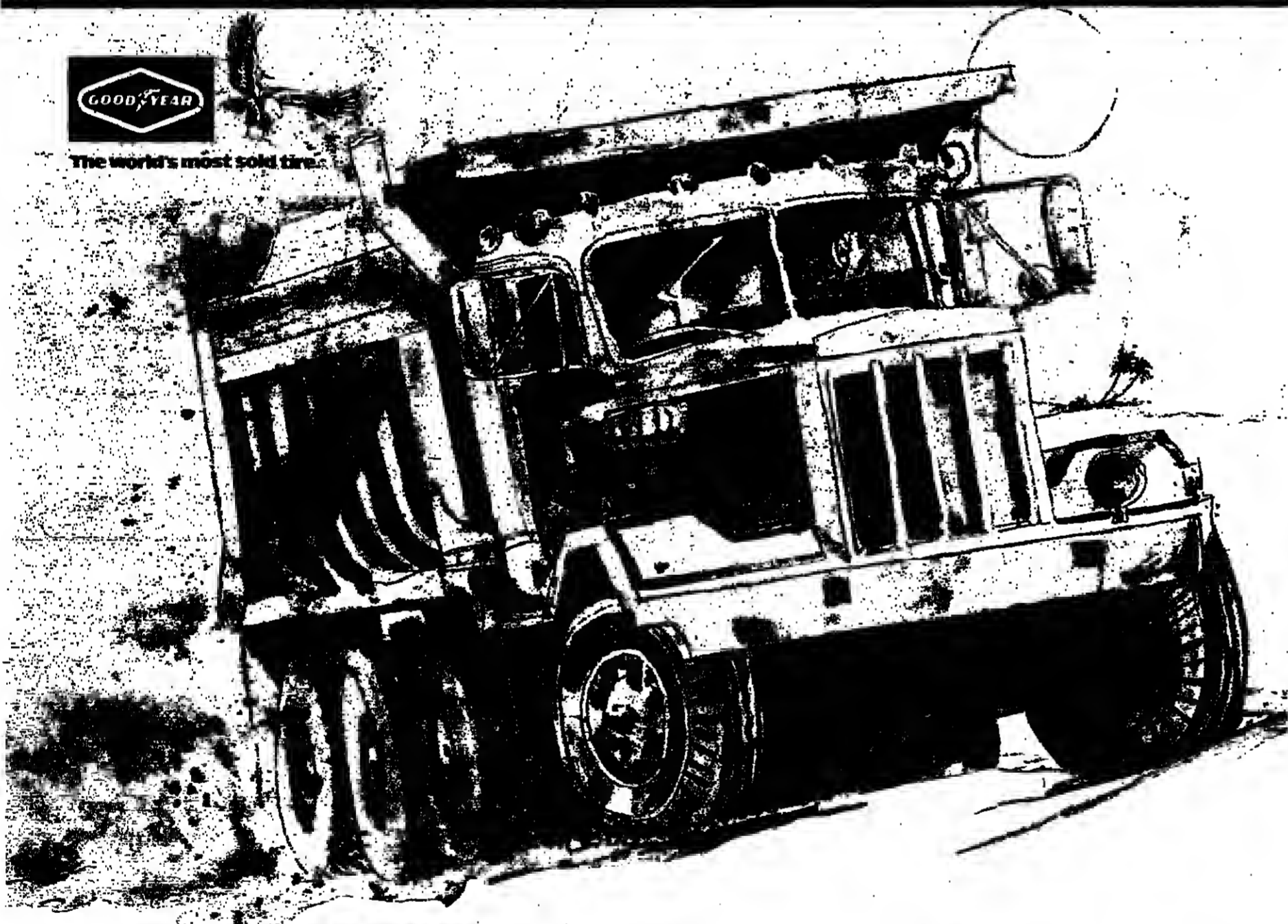
WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 (AP) — Some of President Ronald Reagan's closest political advisers will meet here Monday to begin planning for a presidential re-election campaign in 1984, Republican national chairman Richard Richards said Friday.

"This is an opportunity for those who worked in the Reagan campaign in 1980 to get together again, to talk generally about what if the president runs and how we all can help in that campaign effort when it comes," said Richards, who is stepping down as party

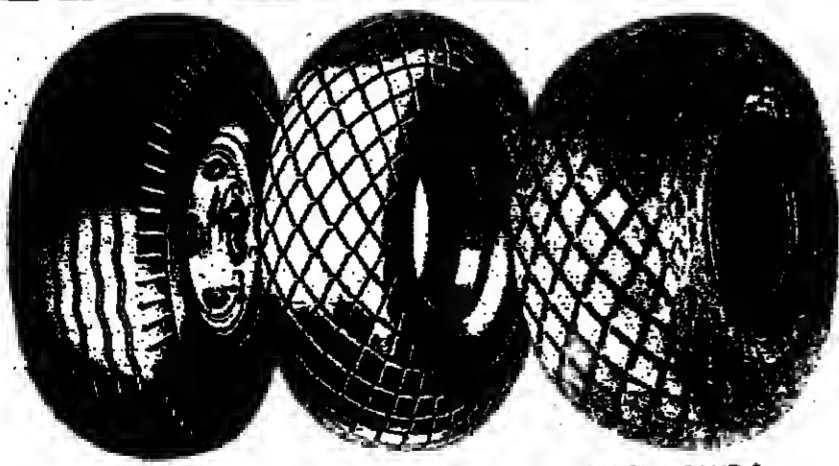
chairman next month.

Former White House political adviser Lyn Nofziger was quoted as saying that while the president is aware of the meeting, the planning session does not mean that Reagan had decided to run for second term.

"The president is aware of the meeting," said Nofziger. "But he didn't tell me to do it. He didn't tell me not to do it. He didn't tell me he was running. He didn't tell me he was not running."



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Rookie Clark Kellogg scored 23 points for Indiana, while Cliff Robinson scored 24 points and had 19 rebounds for the Cavaliers.

The English batsmen played irresponsibly

American Solomon, who was ranked seventh in 1979 but has since fallen to 75th, then streaked toward an upset by grabbing a 3-0 advantage in the second set. But the steady Fibak, spraying long volleys and pinpoint backhanders, evened the set at three games apiece.

D. Pringle c Templeton b Bright	0
L. Gould c Yallop b Bright	24
V. Marks c Taylor b Balsam	9
R. Jackson not out	0
Extras	29
Total	275
Fall of wickets 1-19, 2-99, 3-157, 4-173, 5-189, 6-230, 7-232, 8-249, 9-273.	
Bowling: Callen 20-8-53-2; Balsam 21.5-7-50-3; McCurdy 10-1-58-0; Bright 30-7-81-5; Wiesner 1-0-4-0.	

It was a first day of see-sawing fortunes with 'Hurricane' Higgins leading 2-0 and 4-1 before Griffiths hit back to go 5-4 in front. Then the Irishman, with breaks of 84 in frame 12 and 64 in frame 14, fought back to take the lead again.

BUDAPEST. (AFP) — Hungary beat Norway 24-18 to top Group 'A' on the second day of the Women's World Handball Championship here Friday. In the other Group 'A' match, East Germany beat United States 24-6. In Group 'B' USSR beat South Korea 23-21 while Romania beat Bulgaria 18-17 and in Group 'C' Yugoslavia beat Congo 37-11 and Czechoslovakia beat West Germany 18-17.

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As 5,000 bid farewell

Warmth of closeness envelopes New Delhi

By John Crasto
Special to Arab News

NEW DELHI, Dec. 4 — The warmth of humanity overflowed the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium Saturday. Truly the spirit of friendship, fraternity forever reigned.

A simple yet colorful closing ceremony of the 1982 Asian Games so vividly depicted the brotherhood of man.

As the South Korean flag went up the mast the challenge of sport surfaced. "Will I be there at Seoul? Was a silent question. Unsaid promises were made "Ever Onward".

Was the symbol for all. And when they said, "See you at Seoul for the next Asiad" there was born a determination, a resolve to be there in the fray again, to be better sportsmen and sportswomen. Defeat and anguish were gone. A new challenge had replaced undying spirits.

The closing ceremony had it all — tears, hilarity and so much nostalgia as 5,000 athletes bid a friendly farewell.

The stress and strain of competitions was over. The months of training were forgotten in an abandon so gay. Joy to some, tears for many. The bonds of rivalry broke down into a rare camaraderie and friendship. And as the strains of "Auld Lang Syne" rent the air with haunting melody a warmth of closeness enveloped the magnificent Jawaharlal Stadium where 81 records were rewritten in 16 days of hectic competition.

The Asiad '82 was not only a barometer of achievements but a strengthening of the bonds of fraternity and goodwill between the nations of Asia.

How proudly they marched with their country's flags, Fah Jaralla, the golden miler, held high the Iraqi flag, the Arabs in their flowing white robes waving and glowing

with smiles, the Filipinos in spectacular red and blue with panama hats held up in farewell, the Japanese waving the Indian tricolor. There was no order, they marched one linked with another.

Racial identity was forgotten. All were one under the banner of sport, Raja Bhalindra Singh, president of the Asian Games, called

upon the youth of Asia to assemble at Seoul in four years. He called upon all to celebrate the Games in the spirit of brotherhood and for the good of humanity. One had to be there to feel how sport could bring nations so close to one another. The spirit of sportsmanship blazed as brightly as the flame of the Asiad fanned by the winds swirling around the giant stadium.

The retreat sounded the extinguishing of the flame which inspired so many during the days of competition. The excitement of the Asian Games 1982 was now over. Time now to say goodbye. And what a tearful scene to see Appu, the mascot, say farewell. He symbolized wisdom, strength and loyalty. What a lovely sight it was to see him up there every day.

No more thrills to the winning of medals, no more that vibrant surge to the tape, no more the roar of excited crowds. New Delhi had their place in the sun. In this greatest sports extravaganza to be held in this country. But what has been left behind is the burning spirit of sport, the undying zeal to succeed. And most of all the friendly spirit of fraternity forever.

What all will remember was that they played the game in the spirit of the game. New records were set, new targets achieved, new friendships forged. All they said Saturday was good luck, good health and happy memories of India and the New Delhi Asiad. Until we meet again in Seoul in 1986.



As Celtic lifts Scottish League Cup

Liverpool, Watford bite the dust

LONDON, Dec. 4 (AP) — John Deehan's 14th goal of the season gave Norwich City a sensational 1-0 victory over championship leaders Liverpool in an English First Division soccer match at Carrow Road Saturday.

Liverpool went into the match riding a streak of nine straight victories, but were hustled out of their stride by a determined Norwich team that only had won three of its previous 16 league games.

Defending champions Liverpool, who beat Norwich 2-0 in a midweek League Cup game at Anfield, were stunned by Deehan's far post shot but were unable to reply.

Manchester United upset second-placed Watford 1-0 in a thrilling encounter at Vicarage Road. Watford dominated the first half, but 17-year-old Norman Whiteside scored the only goal in the 58th minute, capitalizing on an error from home full back Pat Rice. United won away for the first time in nine matches.

Liverpool still lead the standings with 34 points from 17 matches. Manchester United advance to second with 31 points, while reigning European champions Aston Villa moved into third spot after defeating West Ham 1-0 at Villa Park.

Gordon Cowans scored an 83rd minute penalty to give Villa an eighth straight home win, while West Ham had defender Ray Stewart set off three minutes from full time. Unfashionable Notts County beat local rivals Nottingham Forest 3-2 in an end-to-end Derby match at Meadow Lane despite having striker Iain McCulloch dismissed.

McCulloch, Paul Hooks and Trevor Christie gave County the lead on three occasions.

Ian Wallace and Willie Young twice equalized, but Christie's close range second half goal proved decisive.

Two headers from Tommy Caton, the last in the 88th minute, gave Manchester City a 2-1 home win over Arsenal, whose reply came from Brian McDermott, while Alan Curtis and Bob Latchford were Swansea's marksmen in the 2-0 triumph over Luton at the Vetch Field.

David Mills scored within a minute of replacing Peter Eastoe to clinch West Bromwich a 1-1 draw with Tottenham at White Hart Lane. Tottenham had led through a 20th second own goal by John Wile, who headed a Tony Galvin shot into his own net.

Transfer-listed Scottish international Alan

Brazil scored in each half to spearhead Ipswich's 3-2 triumph at bottom-club Sunderland.

Queen's Park Rangers extended their lead in the Second Division by winning 1-0 at Leeds. Clive Allen scored, Danish international Allan Simonsen, back in action after being sidelined by a hamstring injury, scored Charlton's second goal in a 2-0 win over Kevin Keegan's Newcastle.

Meanwhile, Charlie Nicholas scored his 30th goal of the season to help Celtic to a 2-1 victory over Rangers in the Scottish League Cup final at Hampden Park. Nicholas hit home a cross from David Provan in the 23rd minute and Murdo McLeod scored the second goal.



Clive Allen... leads Q.P. Rangers past Leeds

English soccer results

English Division One			English Division Two		
Aston Villa	1	West Ham	0	0	0
Coventry	2	Brighton	0	0	0
Everton	0	Birmingham	0	0	0
Man. City	2	Arsenal	0	0	0
Norwich	1	Liverpool	0	0	0
Notts County	3	Nottingham Forest	2	0	0
Southampton	1	Sheff. Wed.	0	0	0
Sunderland	2	Ipswich	3	0	0
Swansea	2	Luton	0	0	0
Tottenham	1	West Bromwich	1	0	0
Watford	0	Man. United	1	0	0

Division Two			Division Three		
Blackburn	1	Barnsley	1	0	0
Cambridge	0	Bolton	0	0	0
Cardiff	2	Sheff. Wed.	0	0	0
Charlton	0	Sheff. Utd.	0	0	0
Chelsea	2	Sheff. Utd.	0	0	0
Derby	2	Sheff. Utd.	0	0	0
Gillingham	0	Sheff. Utd.	0	0	0
Leeds	0	Sheff. Utd.	0	0	0

Division Four			Division Five		
Blackpool	1	Hull	1	0	0
Bury	1	Sheff. Utd.	0	0	0
Exeter	0	Sheff. Utd.	0	0	0
Hereford	0	Sheff. Utd.	0	0	0
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Hearns pounds out verdict against Benitez for WBC title

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 4 (Agencies) — Thomas Hearns of the United States won the World Boxing Council (WBC) super-welterweight title by outboxing Wilfredo Benitez of Puerto Rico Friday night to gain a majority decision.

Hearns was favored 146-136 and 144-139 by two of the judges while the third rated the 15-round bout even at 142-142. Hearns, whose boxing talents have usually been overlooked because of his great power, was in control for the first half of the fight and then in the final three rounds, using good movement and a long stiff left jab to thwart the champion.

Hearns, rated the No. 1 contender by both the WBC and the World Boxing Association (WBA) before the fight had an eight-inch reach advantage and he put it to good use. Benitez, defending his crown for the third time since dethroning Britain's Maurice Hope in May 1981, could not touch him for the first seven rounds.

Nothing the 24-year-old Puerto Rican tried worked. He lay on the ropes, he tried counter-punching, he even tried to match jabs, but to no avail. Hearns, 153 1/2 pounds (69.5 kg), knocked down Benitez, 152 (68.9 kg), in the fifth round with a half-punch, half-push. In the next round a legitimate right to the head huddled Benitez's legs with six seconds remaining and only the bell saved the champion.

In the beginning of the eighth, perhaps confused by advice from his corner which was: "Don't wait, take your time," Hearns all but stopped moving and jabbing. This

opened the door for Benitez, who now tried one last play. He charmed forward and went for the body, effectively neutralizing Hearns' jab.

Even referee Octavio Meyran of Mexico seemed to get caught up in the change of fortunes. In the ninth he ruled Benitez had been knocked down even though Benitez did not throw a punch.

Hearns, retreating, tripped over his own feet and went down on his back. Meyran jumped over the fallen challenger and began counting, a move that surprised even Benitez. Benitez continued his assault in the 10th but then eased up in the 11th. It proved to be a mistake because Hearns took the initiative again to come on strongly to secure the win.

The victory improved the record of the 24-year-old Hearns, the former WBA welterweight champion, to 35-1 with 32 knockouts. Benitez dropped to 43-2-1. It also put Hearns in line for a fight against undisputed middleweight champion "Marvelous" Marvin Hagler next spring, according to promoter Don King.

Hagler first has to make a WBC mandatory defense against No. 1 middleweight contender Tony Sibson of Britain which WBC president Jose Sulaiman said would go to pursue offer bids on Sunday.

Meanwhile, France's Louis Acaries captured the European middleweight title, left vacant by Britain's Tony Sibson, with a victory over West German Frank Wissenbach in Paris. The referee stopped the fight, watched by 8,000 enthusiastic spectators at the Paris Hippodrome, in the sixth round.

Gomez stops Pintor in 14th

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 4 (R) — Wilfredo Gomez, his face looking more like that of a loser, knocked down game challenger Lupe Pintor of Mexico twice in the 14th round to retain his WBC super-bantamweight championship. Gomez, swollen above and below both eyes, finished the fight with a glancing right and then a devastating left hook to the head to put Pintor down for the second time.

Pintor went down the first time in the 14th from a glancing left and then a solid right-left combination to the head. But he got up to his feet after the mandatory count.

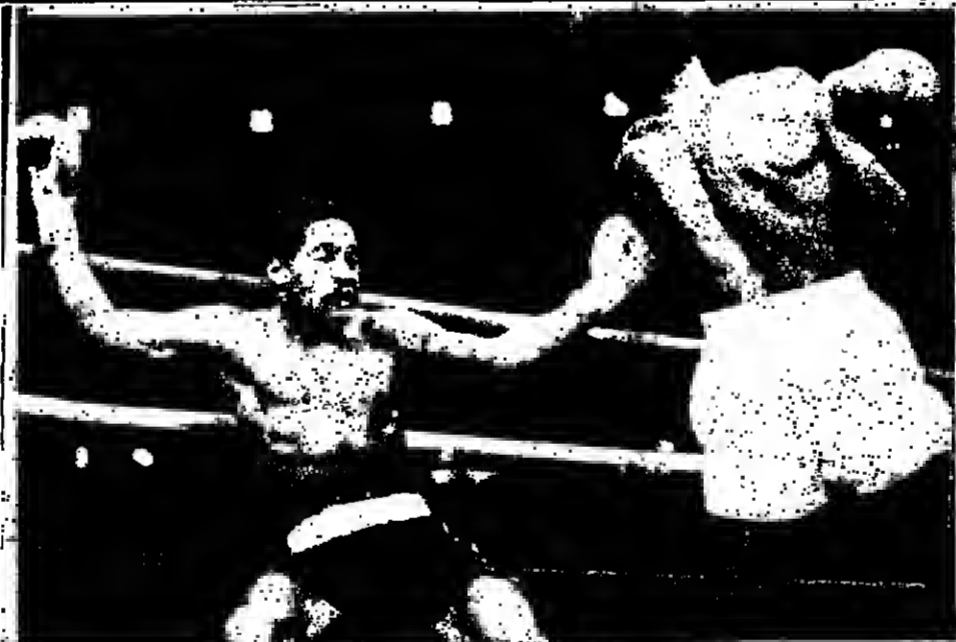
Gomez, 26, started strongly, winning the first three rounds handily with effective rights to the head. The bout would have been over early when Gomez pinned Pintor on the ropes in the third round and pounded him mercilessly. But Pintor, 27, was revived when referee Arthur Mercante pulled

Gomez off for low blows and he began to fight back so that by the eighth round the bout was virtually even.

In retreating Gomez was ineffective with his right, while Pintor scored to the body with ripping rights to the ribs. The tide turned abruptly in the ninth when Gomez advanced on Pintor and his right began to find its mark, usually Pintor's head. In the 12th, he bombarded Pintor with unanswered blows but the Mexican did not go down until the 14th.

Before the fight, Gomez said it would be his last as a super-bantamweight and that he would move up to the featherweight division. This was his 17th successful defense of a title he has kept for five years and six months.

Meanwhile, Stephane Ferrara became French middleweight champion when his opponent Jacques Chiron retired in the 12th round.



REELING: United States' Thomas Hearns (left) unleashes a powerful left to send Wilfredo Benitez reeling to the canvas for the mandatory count, in the sixth round before, winning the WBC super-welterweight title with a majority decision in New Orleans Friday night.

Before making semis Borg, McEnroe stretched

ANTWERP, Belgium, Dec. 4 (AP) — Czech Ivan Lendl crushed Swede Jan Gunnarsson 6-2, 6-2 in the quarterfinals Friday of the European Tennis Championships Championships.

The match only lasted 55 minutes. The Czech star again used his devastating long strokes from the back of the court, going seldom to the net but placing decisive balls at will, exhausting Gunnarsson who painfully kept trying to return.

The Swede left the \$700,000 tournament with some consolation, however. He cashed \$25,000. Lendl will meet to the Saturday semifinals another Swede, Mats Wilander.

Swede Bjorn Borg also reached semifinals, defeating American Brian Gottfried 6-7, 6-3, 6-4. He will meet in semifinals American John McEnroe.

Borg started weakly. He lost his service in the second game. After a double fault, however, he got going and took Gottfried's service in the third game. The Swede again broke the American's service in the seventh game, but was led in the next one.

The two players fought neck and neck from the back of the court to reach a tiebreaker. The set was within Borg's reach but Gottfried finally took it with a 8-6 tie-break after 57 minutes.

The Swede then found his touch and won the second set 6-3 in 40 minutes after breaking Gottfried's service in the sixth game.

Although not yet at his former level, Borg also won the third set 6-4.

McEnroe beat Czech Tomas Smid 6-1, 0-6, 6-3 in another quarterfinal clash. And Wilander eliminated French star Yannick Noah 7-6 (7-5), 6-4.

McEnroe at first seemed to sail toward an easy victory, taking the first set by 6-1 in a bare 20 minutes. Smid finally grabbing a game in the sixth. But the Czech came on strongly in the second set, to win 6-0.

But McEnroe woke up in the third set, taking Smid's service from the start. Both players gave the best, not making a single fault until the ninth game.

Asiad tid-bits

NEW DELHI, (AFP) — An Indonesian journalist confessed Friday that he used an airline baggage tag as a fake press identity card to cover the Games, confounding strict security checks of reporters. Rahmatsyah Lubis, of the *Waspada* newspaper in Medan, Sumatra, gleefully stood up and displayed his "press identity card" to other journalists as soon as the final whistle in the last event, the football match between Kuwait and Iraq, was blown. His baggage tag "identity card" strongly resembled the official card issued to journalists covering the games. They both have a white background with a green border. All that the Indonesian journalist did was paste his picture at the top and fill up the particulars, name country etc. And to crow it all the baggage tag was none other than that of Air-India, the official carrier for the Games.

With the title of Asia's premier sports power under their belts, China are now looking to take on the world in the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles. Deputy chief de mission Wu Zhongyuan said that China would make their first "serious attempt" in the Olympics after ending Japan's 31-year domination of Asiad in only the third time they have taken part in the regional sports gala.

The North Korean Olympic Committee Friday said it would never accept the "unfair" decision made by the AFC to ban its soccer team from international tournaments for two years. North Korean Chief de Mission said he would lodge a formal protest to the president of the FIFA, Mr. Joao Havelange.

Romania takes point off Italy

FLORENCE, Italy, Dec. 4 (R) — Italy, still suffering from their World Cup celebrations, were held to a goalless draw by Romania in a European Soccer Championship match here Saturday.

It was their second goalless home draw in Group Five and the world champions now face the embarrassing prospect of not qualifying for the final stages of the competition. The Italians must have fancied their chances when Aurel Ticleanu sent off early in the second half for a foul on Bruno Conti.

But the Romanian defense, with goalkeeper Lung outstanding, soaked up all that the Italians could throw at them. In a game punctuated by missed chances and hard tackling, Conti was guilty of the worst miss only two minutes from the end when he crashed Gabriele Oriali's pass wide from point-blank range. However, the 60,000 Italian fans had already given up hope by then.

It was another sad day for Paolo Rossi, top-scorer in the World Cup finals. He was substituted at the start of the second half after suffering a groin injury. As well as scoring off Ticleanu, French referee Georges Komrath booked four players. But the game remained ill-tempered with niggling, fouls regularly interrupting play.

Fashanu's wilderness in Forest may end soon

NOTTINGHAM, Dec. 4 (AFP) — Justin Fashanu, Nottingham Forest's unwanted striker, was Friday, given the chance of a salary-slicing move to neighboring Notts County.

County chairman Jack Dunnett, president of the football league, confirmed: "I'm meeting Justin and I hope something can be worked out." Dunnett added: "The easy part was agreeing a fee with Forest. But that is a different matter. Justin is on high wages, while our pay structure is satisfactory to our players, he would have to take a drop in salary."

Forest manager Brian Clough, keen to rid himself of the one million-pound England under-21 cap, described the fee as "not substantial," adding: "The bid from County was the best price offered for a commodity that is not wanted at this club."

Fashanu spent a month on loan at Southampton earlier this season and was set for a temporary spell at Manchester City before County moved in.

Brady keen on United

MANCHESTER, Dec. 4 (AFP) — Liam Brady, midfielder with Italian side Sampdoria Genoa, would like to play for Manchester United.

The Irish international rejected a United offer two years ago, preferring to leave Arsenal for Juventus, who paid 600,000 pounds for him, but later sold him to Sampdoria.

But now in an article written for Manchester United's publication *Match Weekly*, he said, "When my contract expires at the end of next season I want to return to the English First Division and I'd love to become a United player. I want to finish my career in England and playing in front of the Old Trafford crowd would be a very appetizing prospect."

Soccer tie disrupted

MONTPELLIER, France, Dec. 4 (AFP) — The French Second Division Football match between Montpellier and Beziers, was halted for 10 minutes before ending in a 1-1 draw, following rioting by both players and fans here Friday night.

The incident that sparked the riot came in the 42nd minutes when Montpellier's Jean-Pierre Kern and Beziers' Thierry Laguerre were sent off for lashing out at each other.

BRIEFS

MANILA, (AP) — A former U.S. Masters champion George Archer shot a two-under-par 68 Saturday to win the \$131,000 President Ferdinand Marcos Golf Invitational by one stroke. The 43-year-old Californian, who carded previous rounds of 71 and 70, finished with a 54-hole total of 209 at the 6,899-yard, trap-strewn Puerto Azul resort course.

DUBLIN, (AFP) — An All-Ireland team, which had previously beaten Wales and the United States this season, was held to a 6-6 draw by England in an Amateur Boxing International at the Irish ABA Stadium here Friday night.

NEW DELHI, (R) — Three teams from

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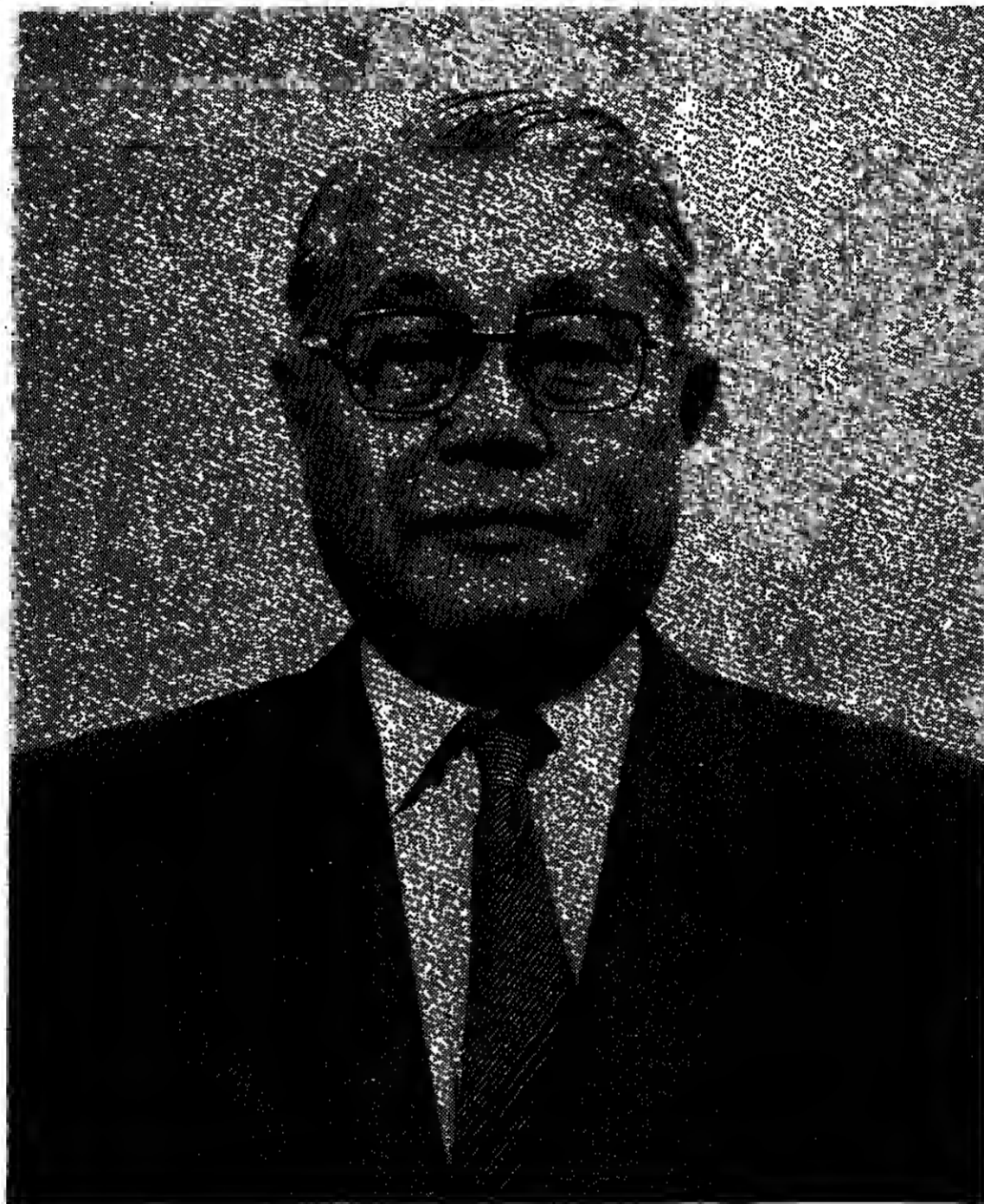
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In June 1969, Mr. Nishina became General Manager of Automobile Export Department of Mitsubishi Heavy Industries. A year later, in June 1970, he was appointed as Vice-General Manager of Mitsubishi Motor Corporation's Export Division. Mr. Nishina became General Manager of Export Business Department in 1971 and Director in 1972 in addition to his other assignment as Vice-General Manager of International Division. The responsibility of heading the International Planning Office as Manager was later added to his portfolio in 1974.

Mr. Nishina was appointed Managing Director and General Manager Office of International Business, in 1975, and in June 1979 he rose to his present eminent position of Executive Vice-President (Assistant to President) of Mitsubishi Motors Corporation of Japan.

This visit to Saudi Arabia of an executive of Mr. Nishina's stature clearly shows the importance attached to the Kingdom's market by Mitsubishi Motors Corporation of Japan.

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Time is running out, U.S. tells Japan

TOKYO, Dec. 4 (R) — The United States has warned Japan time is running out for it to end the trade friction between them by opening its markets to more U.S. exports, a U.S. official said Saturday.

U.S. Deputy Trade Representative David MacDonald said Washington had asked Tokyo during two days of talks which ended here Saturday to disclose within a definite time how it proposed to increase access for U.S. agricultural and manufactured products.

He told a joint news conference after the talks that Japan's response on the various issues would significantly influence a future U.S. trade policy. "We tried to point out to the Japanese side that the political problem in the U.S. is not protectionism as such but a loss of confidence in the effectiveness of the international (trading) system," he said.

MacDonald said discussion of the U.S. complaints had been protracted "and it is time for us to know exactly where we stand on a number of issues we have been reiterating and going over with the Japanese."

The U.S. has been pushing Japan to eliminate or reduce quotas on beef, oranges and other agricultural products. It also wants simpler customs and standards testing procedures for manufactured goods and freer government procurement of U.S. high technology products.

The U.S. last year recorded a \$16 billion deficit on its merchandise trade with Japan. This is expected to widen to about \$20 billion this year.

The chief of the foreign ministry's economic affairs bureau, Ryohhei Murata, who led the Japanese side in the talks, said Japan had urged the U.S. to step up its export efforts. He said Japan could not completely liberalize trade in beef and oranges as the Americans demanded though it was still willing to look at ways of expanding the trade.

Murata said U.S. demands for fewer restrictions on American-made cigarettes — they have less than two percent of the Japanese market — were still excessive.

EEC, Macao sign textile agreement

BRUSSELS, Dec. 4 (AFP) — Macao has reached agreement with the European Economic Community (EEC) on limiting its textile exports to the EEC for three years from 1983, a source close to the EEC said here Saturday.

The agreement, the 24th to be renewed with EEC supplier countries, was worked out Friday night, the source said. Of the community's four main suppliers — Hong Kong, Macao, South Korea and Taiwan — only Seoul still has to work out an accord.

Sources close to the EEC commission said the agreement with the Portuguese territory was similar to that signed with Hong Kong, the leading supplier.

This featured cutbacks in export quotas compared to 1982 figures. For the five most sensitive categories — T-shirts, sweaters, trousers, blouses and shirts — the cuts ranged from six to eight percent.

The agreement also allowed for unused quotas for one category to be switched to another, but not in the case of cotton and synthetic cloth.

Economist foresees U.S. entering recovery phase

Indicators prove the point

By Dawn Liddicost
Houston Bureau

HOUSTON, Dec. 4 — It appears the worst is over, a Houston-based economist says, and the United States is entering the recovery phase of its 16-month-old recession. As evidence, the economic indicators are already pointing toward recuperation.

"The recovery is forming a base right now, and is perhaps under way," said Frank J. Magrino, vice president and economist at Texas Commerce Bank. Though it will take awhile for consumers to regain confidence, increase spending and thus reap the benefits of healthy economic conditions, "if we look at the index numbers for the next couple of months, it may well bear out that November was the turning point. It will be, from here, a steady but moderate recovery of the economy."

The first indicator of the recession's end has been the consistent rise in the Commerce Department's index of leading indicators, which has risen six of the past seven months. "It would be unprecedented if we did not have a recovery after so long a period of increase in the indicators," said Magrino. Although month to month increase in the indicators have been smaller than at the demise of previous recessions, this does not indicate a weaker or slower recovery rate. There is no correlation between the rate of recovery of the indicators and the ensuing rate of recovery of the economy, said Magrino. "The index of leading indicators decides turning points, not the swiftness or slowness of the next business cycle."

Another key indicator of recovery is the dramatic decline in initial claims for unemployment insurance, which have dropped in the last six weeks from over 700,000 to just under 600,000. This indicates that the labor market situation is stabilizing.

Interest rates typically drop at the closing stages of recession and continue to drop for a short while after the economy turns around. The past few months have brought lower interest rates. "We're already seeing fixed interest rates in the housing market at a reasonable rate," said Magrino. "Lately we've seen quoted 30-year mortgage rates at about 13 percent, and that's welcome change from the environment in the last two or three years."

Consumers have responded favorably to the lower rates, especially in home sales, which have been increasing since last spring, coinciding with the period during which interest rates have been dropping, and automobile sales, which have increased dramatically in response to special low interest rates offered by auto manufacturers. Declining interest rates have helped encourage increased cash flow, "but we haven't seen the consumer yet truly open up

his wallet and begin a broadly based spending spree, though that should come with time," said Magrino. "The consumer still has to worry somewhat about the unemployment rate and his personal employment situation."

"Only 10 percent of the labor force is unemployed and that means less than 10 percent of the nation's households having their breadwinners unemployed, because there are many households having two breadwinners. But it's wise to be cautious at this phase in the business cycle."

In addition to lowered interest rates, strong encouragement has come from the federal government in the form of tax cuts, which consumers have received in 1981, 1982, and which, without any change in legislation, will receive again mid-1983, meaning increases in consumer disposable income.

While the tax cuts have done the job they were supposed to do: keeping the economy steady for the past 12 weeks or so, and getting the economy moving again, Magrino said they haven't done the job that was advertised for them: to stimulate the economy that the budget deficit would be reduced. I think David Stockman has been proven to be correct," he added, "that tax cuts would only increase the budget deficit and leave us with a problem unless we could find some cuts on the expenditure side."

"The reality is, facing close to a \$200 billion deficit for this fiscal year that we're now in, there's very little room for additional tax cuts, other than those which are already programmed. And given the fact that we have a large deficit, the government is in a bind in terms of spending policy," he said. "We will see some kind of public works bill passed which might stimulate the economy a little bit more, said Magrino, either in the special session of Congress at the end of the year or early in the new Congress. "But that's about it. The stimulus mainly is going to have to come from the private sector; the consumer renewing his purchases after restoring his confidence. And after that, once the orders begin to flow in, production will pick up, and investment spending later in 1983 or perhaps early 1984."

However, the reality of a recession's end doesn't mean prosperity overnight, warned Magrino, and it may be a year before the general public will admit to a return to growth in the economy. "Back in 1975 the recession ended in March and a year later in the presidential campaign of 1976 we still heard reports of the ongoing recession. So the public perception of the end of a recession often lags by a good deal of time. During that time when things bottom out, when you're getting back up to the previous peak

in economic activity a lot of people still feel the lower level of economic activity and don't feel confident yet that everything's all right." It's part of the normal process of the business cycle, Magrino added. "A year is a reasonable period of time before the general public will realize the return to economic growth."

Some areas of the nation will feel the recovery sooner than others, said Magrino. The sun belt area, which has the more modern plants and equipment, now manufacturing facilities, and has held up better than other areas, should recover first because firms will utilize their most efficient facilities first, bringing them up to capacity before they return some of their less modern, less efficient facilities to fuller production. "All regions which have felt the recession rather late should feel the recovery fairly early," Magrino said. The Pacific coast has held up comparatively well also, as has New York.

The industrial Midwest, however, which has been hit the hardest, will be the slowest to come around. "They've got fundamental adjustment problems in their economies," said Magrino. "Pittsburgh with the steel industry, and Michigan with the automobile industry and all of the parts suppliers that make up component industries. The automobile industry has got to convince the public that the American automobile is competitive in quality and price with the import product. The steel makers have to get their costs in line with world costs so that once again they can be competitive, not only in the world markets but here domestically as well, and recapture the market share which they've lost to imports." The midwestern states will probably be lagging the recovery by six to nine months, said Magrino. "That's not too far behind, but they're also coming up from a lower base, they've felt things more heavily. When you put those two factors together it's really painful for the people up there."

Likewise, particular industries will fare better than others in the years to come. With the Reagan administration's build up of defense, Magrino believes the aerospace industry will also prosper. "The related, and not so related electronics industries are the areas in which America has a comparable technological advantage. I would expect these to be areas of rapid growth." He should also continue to see rapid growth in the area of telecommunications, said Magrino, which is closely allied with the electronics industry. Growth will lag the general pace of economic activity in the traditional basic industries such as steel, automobiles, cement and cement products, Magrino said.

In the Gulf Coast area, the chemical

industry is "a big question mark." "We know that the demand for chemicals will grow and consume all output because chemicals are so much a part of everything we wear, live in and use, but there's a question as to whether the additional chemical capacity in the world will occur domestically, or where the incremental capacity will come from overseas in the oil producing nations," Magrino said if it does occur domestically it will be along the Gulf Coast.

The pace of domestic drilling activity will determine the coming years' prosperity for oil exploration companies, said Magrino, who anticipates a 10 percent drilling activity increase domestically in 1983 over the levels of recent months. He foresees close to 3,000 oil rigs in operation on the average for 1983. In January of 1982, 4,500 rigs were operating. "We bottomed out with about 2,300 rigs in operation," said Magrino. "We're now back over 2,500. We're moving back upward and should be able to sustain a level of drilling activity somewhere between 2,800 and 3,000 rigs for 1983."

The United States will continue to be a trade leader, and is still considered a very strong investment. "We've seen good strong capital flows from the rest of the world," Magrino said. The United States is viewed by Europeans as the source of stability in the capitalist world, in a time of uncertainty in many of the Western European democracies, he added. In spite of the current strong dollar making investments in the United States expensive for foreign investors, investment flows have continued at full force. The U.S. dollar should somewhat weaken over time against some of its major trading partners' currencies because of the balance of trade deficit, Magrino said.

On the heels of the U.S. recovery should come the recovery of other countries from their economic crises. The old saying that "when the U.S. economy catches a cold, the European economy catches pneumonia" may have been the case this time as it has been historically, said Magrino. "But it's also the case that when the U.S. economy gets well, the European economy feels the strength of this economy, which is still the largest in the world, and the U.S. helps pull them along into the next stage of their own recovery," he added.

The 16-month recession turned out worse, in duration and in depth, than was predicted, but "it appears right now that the worst is behind us," said Magrino. "The employment market appears to be stabilizing. The unemployment rate nationwide hit a peak of 10.4 percent of the labor force in October. I anticipate that it will decrease over the months ahead." The Houston-based economist said he expects a gradual decline after that, although at the end of 1983 Magrino foresees an unemployment rate of 9 percent or higher still with us.

German stock prices zoom to new high

FRANKFURT, Dec. 4 (R) — West German stock prices soared to touch their highest levels of the year as investors were heartened by a larger than expected cut in interest rates by the Bundesbank (central bank).

Stock brokers described the atmosphere as euphoric, while on currency markets the mark rose to a record high against the French franc and looked strong against sterling and the dollar.

The stock market shrugged off news that West German unemployment broke through the politically sensitive two million barrier, reaching the highest November level since 1954, and that industrial production dropped 1.9 percent in October, underlining the depth of the recession.

The Commerzbank index of 60 leading shares rose to a 1982 high at 744.4, some 16 points up on Thursday's closing level, before the Bundesbank cut a full percentage point of its key discount and Lombard interest rates, at which it lends to commercial banks.

Economists described the Bundesbank's action as a bold move to stimulate the sluggish economy. Finance Minister Gerhard Stoltenberg told a press conference in Kiel Friday that the cuts should help pull the country out of recession by mid-1983.

Clausen assures aid to Belgrade

BELGRADE, Dec. 4 (R) — World Bank loans to Yugoslavia in the next five years would match the previous five-year level of about \$300 million annually, according to the bank's president.

Speaking at a press conference at the end of a five-day visit to Yugoslavia, World Bank President Alden Clausen Friday praised Yugoslavia's efforts to overcome what he said were serious economic difficulties.

He expressed the bank's confidence in Yugoslavia's recent austerity measures aimed at cutting inflation and correcting its foreign debt of about \$20 billion.

He said, however, that Yugoslavia faced foreign debt problems and the country would have to continue with sacrifices in the coming months.

Measures so far introduced by Yugoslavia include a currency devaluation of 20 percent, control of prices, wages, credit and interest rates, energy saving, petrol rationing and compulsory cash deposits by those wishing to travel abroad.

French car output jumps by 17.2%

PARIS, Dec. 4 (AFP) — The French automobile industry recovered well in October, with production of cars and commercial vehicles up 17.2 percent on October 1981 to 42,128 units.

The Automobile Manufacturers Association said that the industry had also stepped up car exports by 4.5 percent (87,000 units) over the first 10 months of the year compared to the corresponding period last year.

The number of new car registrations in October was up 4.7 percent on October 1981. The total car market for January-October grew 9.7 percent, with foreign imports taking up 30 percent.

The position was less rosy for vehicles weighing up to five tons. Their October production dropped 1.7 percent, exports were down nine percent and registrations down 4.1 percent.

Wall Street

Share boom a silver lining on the dark American horizon

BOCA RATON, Florida, Dec. 4 (AP) — The recent eruptions of the stock and bond markets have turned Wall Street into an island of prosperity in an American economy otherwise submerged in recession.

But securities industry leaders say they are optimistic that the rest of the United States will soon get a similar financial lift. "It's very hard to see the flowers of spring out there now," conceded Robert E. Linton, incoming chairman of the Securities Industry Association, as the trade group held its annual convention here this past week.

But Linton, who is chief executive of the investment firm of Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc., said he believed the stock market rally that began in late summer was indeed a harbinger of an improving U.S. economy next

year. The initial stage of the rally, which carried the Dow Jones industrial average from a 2-year low of 776.92 on Aug. 12 to the 900s in a matter of weeks, was primarily a response to falling interest rates, Linton said. But he ventured the view that the next stage, which has propelled the Dow past 1,000, appeared to stem from "anticipation of a gradual but noticeable business recovery in the first half of 1983."

In the past week, the average rose 24.00 points to 1,031.36. The New York Stock Exchange composite index gained 1.91 to 80.05, and the market value index at the American stock exchange was up 4.45 at 334.81.

Big Board volume averaged 82.31 million

shares a day against 63.48 million the week before. "I travel around the country a lot, and clearly the country is still very concerned about the economy," said John J. Phelan Jr., president of the NYSE, at a press conference. But he said there is a "good chance" that the stock market is foreshadowing a recovery.

"Investors are saying we think there is a chance of a recovery with relatively slow growth and relatively low inflation," said George Bissell, president of the Massachusetts Cos., a Boston investment management firm with \$4 billion under its direction. "We really don't know but we can't afford to be left out of it."

Bissell said in an interview he believes that rising productivity will be an important force helping the economy, and restraining infla-

tion, next year. However, he added, if the recovery fails to materialize, the markets could face "some vulnerability."

But as Linton maintained in a breakfast conversation with reporters, "there is something of a self-fulfilling prophecy in the market." By adding billions of dollars to investors' net worth, he said, a strong rise in security prices can by itself stimulate spending.

Investment profits this year may have been concentrated in a relatively small segment of the population, he acknowledged, "but it is not a small proportion of the spendable dollar."

If indeed the stock market has, in its way, made a prediction of better times ahead, it remains a lonely forecast.

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Focus on Spain entry

EEC calls for job-based plan

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 4 (Agencies) — Leaders of the ten European Economic Community (EEC) countries concluded a two-day meeting of the European Council here Saturday reaffirming their commitment to the entry of Spain and Portugal and calling for an over-all strategy to increase employment through the creation of new jobs.

The EEC likewise declared itself "resolved" to the pursuit of "a constructive dialogue" with the United States in a declaration on relations with third countries.

A communiqué appealed to EEC foreign ministers to take "decisions on the various ways and means of improving commercial relations between Japan and community" when they meet later this month.

On economic issues, the EEC leaders called for community and national strategy to restore economic stability, stimulate activity through the reduction of interest rates and the elimination of practices which lead to distortions in trade within the EEC.

They called for parallel efforts to create job opportunities and training for young people and for the continuation of studies on the reorganization of working hours.

Earlier, addressing a news conference French President Francois Mitterrand appealed for a stronger European community capable of defending itself against aggressive foreign competition. Explaining the stand which France took during the summit.

Mitterrand said, "The community must be reinforced and defend its internal market."

France has been at the center of a controversy over rising protectionism, within the community because of trade restrictions it has imposed, mainly on Japanese imports.

Mitterrand denied that France was being protectionist. Even if this were the case, he said, it would only be as a result of contagion from other countries which were imposing trade restrictions.

As the Common Market summit meeting drew to a close, officials said that a final statement would stress a need both to avoid protectionism and to strengthen the European community's own industry, particularly

in new technology sectors.

Discussions during the summit were marked by disagreement between France and West Germany about how the problems of external trade and competition from imports should be handled.

West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, attending his first Common Market summit, took a strongly anti-protectionist stance and insisted on retaining free trade.

He won only limited support from his partners, and British officials said Britain also favored restraint agreements with countries like Japan and South Korea to hold back a flood of cars, electronic equipment, machine tools and other sensitive products.

U.S. spells stand on sea treaty

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 4 (AP) — The United States informed the U.N. General Assembly Friday that the American right to mine the deep seabed will not be affected by U.S. refusal to sign the international law of the sea treaty.

The U.S. delegation reaffirmed American objections to the seabed mining provisions of the wide-ranging treaty as the assembly cleared the way for next week's signing ceremony and follow-up organizational meetings on the Caribbean island of Jamaica.

The treaty, governing all uses of the sea from navigation to fishing, was adopted here last April by a 130-4 vote after eight years of negotiations. It will remain open for signature for two years and will enter into force a year after being ratified by at least 60 countries.

By a vote of 135-2 with eight abstentions, the assembly adopted a resolution formally accepting Jamaica's invitation to hold the ceremony at the resort of Montego Bay, Dec.

5-10, and calling on all states "to consider signing and ratifying the convention at the earliest possible date."

"The United States continues to enjoy the right to carry out seabed mining. This right will not be affected by the U.S. decision not to sign the [law of the sea] convention," said Adelman, a deputy delegate to the United Nations.

By a 124-5 vote, sea law supporters overrode a U.S.-Turkish amendment that would have compelled only those countries that sign the treaty to pay for a series of follow-up meetings on Jamaica. Those meetings, by a preparatory commission, will set up an international seabed authority, which is to control exploitation of the ocean floor.

The assembly approved the financing of the preparatory meetings from the regular U.N. budget. The United States and Turkey reserved the right to withhold funds earmarked for those meetings.

BRIEFS

LONDON, (AFP) — Crude oil output in the British zone of the North Sea reached an all-time high of 9,200,000 tons in October, sharply up from September's 8,800,000 tons and the August figure of 8,600,000 tons, the department of energy has reported.

ST. JOHN'S, Antigua-Barbuda, (AFP) — South Korea will increase its economic assistance to Antigua-Barbuda and other islands in the eastern Caribbean next year, radio reports said Saturday. This was announced here Saturday by South Korea's Canada-based Ambassador Kyo Kyun Lee, who held talks here this week with Antiguan Premier Vere Bird and other officials.

ROME, (AFP) — Italy and the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) launched a major aid program for the Sahel region of western Africa here on Friday. Italy has pledged \$500 million for schemes over the coming five to seven years to combat hunger and malnutrition in the region. Most of the aid will be supplied through FAO.

BRASILIA, (AFP) — The executive director of UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund) asked world political leaders to help change the tragic situation of many Third World children, James Grant, speaking here Friday at a conference on population and development for parliamentarians from the Americas, said that 17 million of the 125 million children born this year in Third World countries would die of hunger or illness before the age of five.

WARSAW, (AFP) — Government-controlled rents will increase by 150 to 440 percent next June, PAP news agency has reported. The move will affect subsidized housing owned by the state as well as apartments located in privately-owned buildings where rents have not changed for 30 years.

CAPE TOWN, (AFP) — The first of the two reactors of the controversial Koeberg nuclear power plant near here will come on line next May or June, the national electricity company, Eskom announced here. Inauguration of the 400 megawatt reactor, originally scheduled for the end of this year, was delayed by a U.S. ban on supplies of enriched uranium to South Africa.

Tanker rates decline in Gulf area

LONDON, Dec. 4 (AFP) — Interest died away on the tanker market this week as charterers awaited the outcome of the ministerial meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) in two weeks.

In the Gulf area, the small gains won last week were lost. The requirement for tonnage up to 100,000 tons was far greater than for the very large crude carrier (VLCC) and ultra-large crude carrier (ULCC) supertankers. The smaller vessels were mostly wanted for Eastern destinations.

The Indonesian trades were very quiet, but there was a flurry of business in West Africa, including the fixture of a VLCC to the United States.

Libya attracted a good deal of attention following reports that it had increased its production. This resulted in the Mediterranean becoming more active than recently.

Inquiry also broadened in the Caribbean and the East Coast Mexico load areas for both clean and dirty vessels for discharge in U.S. Atlantic and U.S. Gulf ports, as well as in Europe. Japanese inquiry for clean tonnage was also evident.

Hungary hikes petrol prices

BUDAPEST, Dec. 4 (R) — Hungary Saturday raised petrol prices by a uniform 3.20 forints (about eight cents) a liter in a further move to cut domestic consumption and save energy costs.

The official MTI news agency announced that from Saturday 86 octane petrol would cost 18.50 forints (about 47 cents) a liter, 92 octane petrol 20 forints (about 51 cents), and 98 octane petrol 21.50 forints (about 55 cents) a liter.

The price rises come as the Hungarian government is cutting back consumption at home and trying to sell more goods on recession-hit world markets.

Diplomatic sources said the petrol price increase had been planned for some time but had been deferred until the winter months when fewer cars were on the road to avoid possible protests by consumers.

Philippine Airlines offers orient tours

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 4 (SP) — Manila, Singapore, Bangkok, Bali and China are among the orient destinations featured in Philippine Airlines' 1982 tour programs offered in conjunction with Kuoni Travel, Japan and Orient Tours (J&O) and Globus Gateway.

Kuoni has nine escorted tours from 15 to 28 days, with prices starting at \$1990. A 19-day plan for \$2645 includes old Spanish architecture in Manila; the Imperial Palace in Peking, Shanghai, boasting one of the world's largest seaports, and plenty of time for shopping in Hong Kong.

Dollar continues to slide

By J. H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Dec. 4 — The American dollar fell back on the Friday night New York markets after the release of the latest U.S. unemployment figures. These showed a record rise to 10.8 percent from the October figure of 10.4 percent. The money markets and exchanges reacted by selling the dollar, but the American currency could still show resilience if the Federal Reserve Board does not cut back on its discount rate next week.

With the European central banks cutting back on their discount rates over the weekend, the "Fed" is now coming under pressure to follow suit and the latest U.S. unemployment figures indicate that the American administration might also be under pressure to reduce their interest rates soon. "Fed fund" prime lending rates closed lower at 8 1/2 percent levels while a small U.S. commercial bank reduced its prime lending rate by 1/2 percent to 11 percent level. The major U.S. banks held off from joining in the prime rate cut move, but it is likely that more will follow next week.

The Friday night money supply figures showing a fall in the M1 measures by \$1.3 billion hardly affected market sentiment, with the exchanges now closely following "economic fundamentals" as everyone is now fond of putting it. Still, if the recently released figures are continued in the future, then we could see a relaxation by the "Fed" of its stricter monetary policy.

In the bullion markets, gold and silver prices rose sharply in New York but had eased back by close of business in sharp profit-taking. Silver was less affected at \$10.30 level but gold fell back to \$441.40 an ounce after topping \$440 in London earlier Friday.

Money markets opened quietly Saturday with deposit rates trading at mixed levels. The one-month LIBOR was firmer at 8 1/4 - 8 3/4 percent while the one-year deposit was mixed at 9 1/4 - 10 percent levels. Dealers agreed, however, that the recent slide in U.S. interest rates had also affected the local markets and that further cuts in rates could be expected. The spot dollar rate was fixed at 3.4403-08 for most of the day.

In Europe, Friday saw some sharp discount rate cuts by the German, Swiss, Dutch and French central banks but which left these currencies relatively strong on the exchanges. For some apparent reason the markets felt that they could ignore the present interest rate differential in favor of the dollar and European currencies instead of falling, rose against the dollar. The German mark rose to 2.4310, while the Swiss franc rose to 2.0810 levels, the French franc to 6.8860 from 6.8900 on Friday in Paris. The Japanese yen was also stronger at 247.60 levels.

Turkish export firms get bank loans

ANKARA, Dec. 4 (AP) — Turkey's major construction companies, riding high on overseas business totaling \$13 billion, have started receiving banking support in the form of bonds vital for their projects, company sources report.

The International Finance Corporation (IFC) is spearheading an initiative to syndicate a \$250-million facility for Turkey's top 23 contractors with work abroad, sources said. They said negotiations on this credit were near completion.

Earlier this year, the Enka-Kutulas group raised credit of \$95.7 million to cover the performance and advance payment guarantees for a \$384 million contract to build houses in Madinah. This facility was put together by American Express.

Recently, Tekfen Holding received a similar guarantee of \$42.3 million from a consortium of Turkey's Is-Bank, the American Express Bank and the Arab Investment Company of Saudi Arabia.

The money is for a \$429 million water desalination and transmission project in Saudi Arabia. Tekfen won the contract in joint venture with Sapiem of Italy and Cat of Lebanon.

The contractors have boosted their order books in the Middle East and north African countries from \$1.6 billion in 1978 to its present level. They expect business volume to reach \$16 billion by 1983 barring unexpected

financial setbacks in countries of the region. Construction contracts are over \$8 billion in Libya, three billion in Saudi Arabia, one billion in Iraq with the rest spread in Kuwait, Jordan, Egypt and Abu Dhabi, company sources say.

At the beginning of their expansion two years ago, Turkish companies had serious difficulties because most Middle East countries did not accept underwriting by the Turkish banks.

Turkey was trying to recover from a severe economic crisis, with zero-credit rating in the world financial markets.

Spain devalues currency by 8%

MADRID, Dec. 4 (R) — Spain's economy, finance and commerce minister, Miguel Boyer, said Saturday the peseta would be devalued by eight percent, effective Monday.

Boyer was speaking on television in his first official broadcast since Spain's Socialist government formally took power earlier this week.

He said the devaluation was necessary because of Spain's lack of success in its fight against inflation, currently at 14 percent, and a deteriorating balance of payments deficit.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:30 p.m. Saturday

	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.135	9.135
Bangladesh Taka	14.30	14.30
Belgian Franc (1,000)	72.50	72.50
Canadian Dollar	278.00	278.00
Deutsche Mark (100)	141.75	141.45
Dutch Guilder (100)	128.90	128.75
Egyptian Pound	3.25	3.28
Emirates Dirham (100)	93.25	93.70
French Franc (100)	50.25	50.05
Greek Drachma (1,000)	49.20	49.20
Indian Rupee (100)	38.45	35.60
Iranian Rial (100)		
Israeli Dinar	6.25	
Italian Lira (10,000)	24.80	24.60
Japanese Yen (1,000)	13.95	13.95
Jordanian Dinar	9.66	9.66
Kuwaiti Dinar	11.86	11.83
Lebanese Lira (100)	86.50	86.25
Moroccan Dirham (100)	54.63	54.63
Pakistani Rupee (100)	29.25	27.12
Philippine Peso (100)	38.45	38.45
Pound Sterling	5.70	5.65
Qatari Riyal (100)	93.50	94.56
Singapore Dollar (100)	157.85	157.85
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	30.20	29.40
Swiss Franc (100)	166.00	165.85
Syrian Lira (100)	60.25	60.42
Turkish Lira (1,000)		
U.S. Dollar	3.45	3.44
Yemeni Riyal (100)	75.30	75.10

Selling Price Buying Price
Gold kg. 48,800 48,600
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SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT TENDERS

Authority	Description	Tender Number	Tender Price	Closing Date
General Directorate, Municipal and Rural Affairs (Western Province)	Maintenance of streets in Bamiyah village	M/13	500	Dec. 5
" " "	Parking lots in Badr lighting and pavements in Yanbu	M/14	200	Dec. 6
" " "	Building a stationery store at Ranyah village	M/15	3,500	Dec. 12
" " "	Building an agricultural annex at Ranyah	M/10	200	Nov. 28
" " "	Temporary asphalt and lighting in Khairat	M/11	200	Nov. 28
" " "		M/12	1,500	Nov. 29

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SHIP MOVEMENTS UPTO 0700 HOURS ON
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1. SHIPS DISCHARGING:

Berth	Name of Vessel	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arrival
4.	Hellenic Sky	Alpha	Rice/Foodstuff/Fart.	27.11.82
5.	Barakallah	O.C.E.	Tiles/Timber/Gen.	27.11.82
8.	Al Assiri	O.C.E.	Bagged Barley	23.11.82
9.	Jyette Dania	A.E.T.	Tiles	30.11.82
10.	Barber Perseus	Barber	Contrs./Gen.	30.11.82
11.	Gama Robusta	A.E.T.	Contrs./Units/Poles	28.11.82
12.	Kota Maju	Baradoah	Loading/Gen.	19.11.82
16.	Kaga Manu	Alireza	Containers	30.11.82
17.	Sheeran	H.S.S.C.	Tiles/Timber/Gen.	26.11.82
18.	Ionian Carrier	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	27.11.82
19.	Sagr Jeddah	Alsaheb	Bulk Cement	22.11.81
20.	Alexandros G.	Barber	Timber/Plywood	30.11.82
22.	Larch	Alireza	Canned Food/Gen.	28.11.82
23.	Aegean Sky	Atzar	Reefer	25.11.82
25.	Arion	Shobokashi	Forklifts/Steel	25.11.82
28.	Pagassitikos Gulf	Altawil	Wheat/Rice/Contrs	25.11.82
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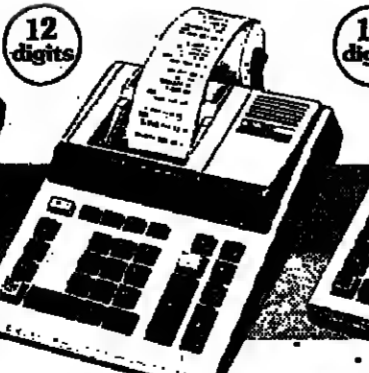
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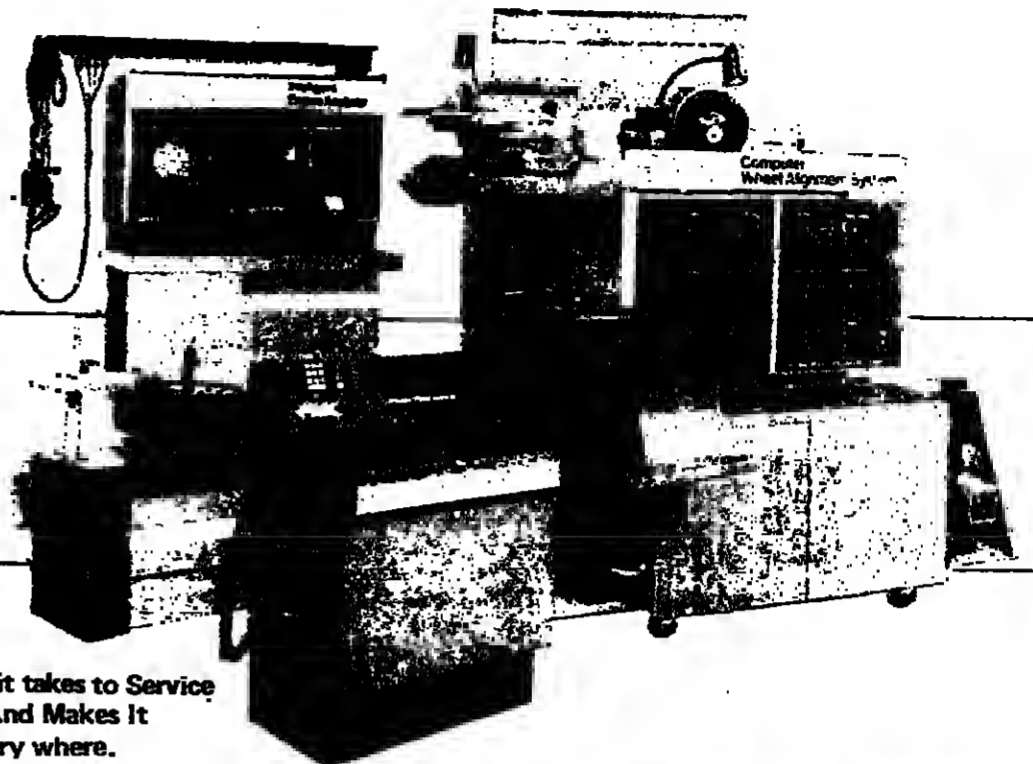
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Columbus in rough seas

By Michael Littlejohns

UNITED NATIONS (R) — The United Nations set aside its usual weighty diet of world problems this week to debate a point of history that raised unusual passions — did Christopher Columbus really discover America?

The question arose when Spain moved a resolution that the United Nations observe 1992 as "the year of the fifth centennial of the discovery of America." Columbus, an Italian, made his epic journey in the service of Queen Isabella of Castile in 1492.

But, asked Ireland's ambassador Noel Dorr, did not St. Brendan and his Irish monks sail across the Atlantic in the seventh century? And surely the Congress of the United States had acknowledged as a fact of history that Leifur Eiriksson, an Icelandic of Norwegian descent, made the crossing in the year 1000. Hordur Helgason, the delegate of Iceland, chimed in.

After a heated discussion, the General Assembly agreed to put off a decision till Monday. Ireland and Iceland were disappointed that the resolution made no mention of those Irish monks and Leifur Eiriksson.

Meanwhile, African member states questioned the propriety of the U.N.'s commemorating an event that was followed by the shipment of hundreds of thousands of black slaves to the New World and the murder of a large part of the native population of the Americas. Diplomatic sources said some African delegates were prepared to express their indignation over the entire enterprise by voting against the resolution.

The commemorative resolution was co-sponsored by Italy and Portugal as well as most of the nations of the hemisphere — including, in rare amity, the United States and Cuba. The debate on the resolution was often punctuated because — unusual in the U.N. — emotion ran high and Latin sensibilities were evidently bruised by the controversy over trans-Atlantic primacy.

Delegates from the Americas ignored St. Brendan and the Icelandic navigator, having words only for Columbus. Miguel

Albornoz of Ecuador termed the discovery of America — by Columbus — one of the most important events in history.

José de Finies, the chief Spanish delegate said the three ships under the Italian navigator's command had arrived in the Caribbean almost five centuries ago representing a collective feat, with Spain as a principal party. Italy's Umberto la Rocca spoke of the beginning of an age of scientific, economic and social progress.

Luis Montano-Salcedo of the Philippines said Spain's heritage flowed to the New World and into Asia. Only the birth of Jesus was more important than Columbus's landing, he said. But Dorr, the Irish delegate, questioned the need to arrange a U.N. event years ahead of the anniversary of Columbus' exploit and for an annual report in the meantime by the secretary-general.

Helgason of Iceland, introducing an especially sour note for the U.N. majority, remarked that the Spanish-led resolution seemed to applaud colonizing — anathema to the world body. Eiriksson's voyage was so totally ignored, he said, that "we cannot give it our vote." If the assembly adopted the proposal, members might expect a parallel one for the 1,000th anniversary of Eiriksson's trip 18 years from now, he added.

De Finies expressed surprise that the debate had taken this turn. What was sought, he said, was a U.N. celebration of the arrival of Columbus in the New World — he who created churches and universities and brought Spanish culture to the Americas.

What Irish "remnants" were there? Members of the police department of the city of New York, and some leading American politicians, he said, noting the large complement of Irish-Americans among the police and their influence in politics.

De Finies objected to remarks made during the debate about colonialism. Spain was a dominant power of the time — it played a leading role in developing the New World, and was proud of it, he said.

Burma divides citizens

By Mia Tan

RANGOON (Depthnews) — For the next three generations at least, Socialist Burma's drive for a classless society will seemingly yield to the very evil that it abhors: class distinction.

Last Oct. 15, the unicameral People's Congress approved a citizenship measure which classifies the Burmese into three categories. The "pure" Burmese nationals, or "indigenous national races," would be known simply as the citizens; those who settled in the country from 1824 up to January 1948 when Burma gained its independence from Britain, will fall under the category of associate citizens. Comprising the third category are those who settled in Burma after independence, and they will be extended naturalized citizenship.

After an indeterminate period, the Burmese are supposed to meld into one amorphous class of citizens, freed from the bondage of their social and political past.

The citizenship measure was crafted by Gen. Ne Win, chairman of the Burma Socialist Program Party (BSPP), and the only leader the Burmese have known since independence.

The citizenship policy was extolled by the government as a decisive step to liquidate an old social and political dilemma that had zigged and zagged over the years, depending on internal conditions in the country. The trip to full citizenship will not be an easy one for some. The government has served notice that applicants will have to undergo rigid screening.

Ne Win told the 7th central committee during a meeting that applicants would be required to meet certain conditions before they are granted citizenship. For instance, all three categories would discharge duties according to the laws of the state. However, the second and third categories could enjoy only those rights stipulated from time to time by the Council of State, the highest policymaking body.

The council may decide whether any ethnic group is national or not and confer or revoke citizenship, associate citizenship or naturalized citizenship. A separate three-man central body would decide on applications, grant, terminate or revoke the status given to applicants. The body is chaired by the home minister with the defense and foreign ministers as members.

Parents and guardians of citizens born in or outside Burma would have to register the births within one year from the date the child reaches the age of ten. A fine of about \$7 is imposed for every year of failure to register the child. But one who fails to comply with the provision for five consecutive years would have to pay a penalty of about \$142. The same provision and penalties also apply to associate and naturalized citizens.

At the same time, the law imposes a heavy penalty on those who acquire citizenship fraudulently. The penalty is a jail term of 10 years plus a fine of about \$7,142. One who forges a citizenship certificate would be slapped a heavy prison term of 15 years and a fine of \$7,142.

Burma reckons that foreigners first came into the country 159 years ago beginning with the Anglo-Burmese War in 1884. In that war, part of the country fell into British hands, paving the way for the settlement of British and other nationals of the British Far Eastern colonies.

The whole country fell under British rule in January 1886. The wave of immigration into Burma continued until British independence in 1948. One of the first policies promulgated by the newly independent country was that

on citizenship. Two laws were passed designed to solve the citizenship problem.

But the two legislations failed to resolve the issue satisfactorily. Some foreigners took advantage of the citizenship law; others, especially the illiterates, failed to apply for citizenship.

Ne Win said that some foreigners who came to Burma applied for and were granted citizenship. But hundreds of others either failed or refused to sign up, and they now "pose a big problem." The general said that these people now live in fear because they have no definite citizenship status, and they have lost contact with relatives in their native lands.

The citizenship problem has blown hot and cold over the years. National interest on the matter rose and fell with every new government pronouncement on citizenship. But early this year, Rangoon launched a serious effort to come to grips with the problem. A draft of the citizenship measure was published in the state-run press, and the issue became alive again.

Realizing the uncertainty the measure had created among foreigners, Ne Win tried to assuage their fears. He said: "We can leniently give them (foreigners) the right to live in this country and continue earning their livelihood in a legitimate way. We will give them the right to earn according to their work and live a decent life." But the gesture was coupled with a warning that foreigners must live "correctly and not misbehave." Otherwise, they and their offspring would be denied citizenship.

He said that associate and naturalized citizens would not be allowed to hold positions in policy-making bodies of the government. "This is not because we hate them (but) if we allow them to hold positions that decide the destiny of our nation. If they betray us, we would be in trouble," he said.

The BSPP chairman said the anyone born in the British colonies could acquire Burmese citizenship. This is a special privilege Burma is willing to extend only to British citizens.

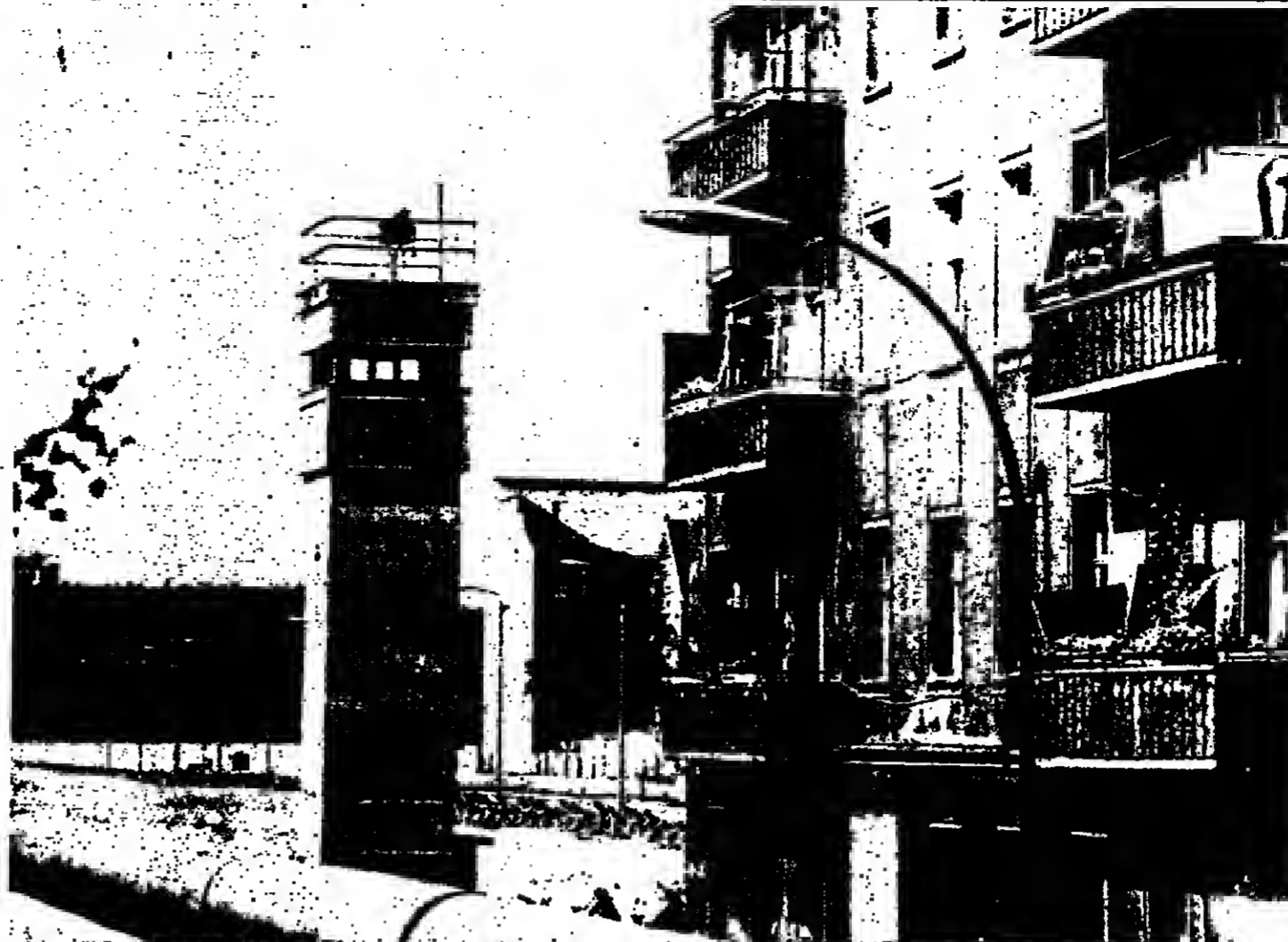
But the new citizenship law is heavily weighted against Chinese and Indians. Ne Win said that many Indians and Chinese who left the country for good had left behind some relatives who served as their contacts in Burma for illegal activities, particularly smuggling. These Chinese and Indians who left Burma never really returned to their native lands, but settled elsewhere to pursue their illegal activities, he claimed.

Eager to prevent a political and racial backlash from his hard-hitting speech against the Indians and Chinese, Ne Win cautioned the Burmese to be magnanimous with foreigners and treat them kindly. "Someday, we will be traveling with all of them in the same boat," he said, apparently referring to the time when there will only be one class of citizens in Burma.

The reaction to the new citizenship law has been a mixed one. During the first six months of this year, 105,582 foreigners applied for citizenship, 235 were deported, while 99 illegal immigrants were arrested.

Premier Maung Maung Kha told the People's Congress that a total of 40,383 applications for citizenships had been scrutinized. This figure constitutes only a thin layer of the heap. Applications filed with the government include, 45,725 Chinese, 31,800 Indians, 4,751 Pakistanis, 22,280 Nepalese and 1,021 others coming from small groups of foreign nationals.

Ne Win said the new citizenship law will erase the deep-seated uncertainties of foreigners about the future status in the country, generate unity among the people and enable Burma to address itself to other problems of nation-building.



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Hit by Western recession

East Germans fear food shortage

By Eric Wahn

BERLIN (AP) — For 20 minutes each Monday on an East German TV program called "Black Channel," commentator Karl-Edmund von Schnitzler tells his audience how bad things are in the West — recession, unemployment, hunger and hopelessness.

It is an effort to bolster the Communist government's contention that the capitalist world faces economic disaster. But the West's recession is hitting East Germans too. Accustomed to one of the Soviet bloc's highest standards of living, they have been finding themselves unable to buy such basic things as butter, meat, cocoa and soft drinks in recent months — all traceable to the recession in the West.

Said a Western diplomat in East Berlin: publicly they criticize us, privately they are concerned. Most of the East European countries, especially highly industrialized East Germany, need trade with us. If we are in trouble, prospects become dim.

Britons dig up Roman hydraulic relics

By William Tooty

BATH, England (LAT) — In this lovely Georgian city, a team of Oxford archaeologists is uncovering the remains of a much older community, which dates back to the 1st century and the Romans. They have been piecing together the ruins of the Temple of Minerva that was built next to the "sacred" hot springs — after another which controversy still flows.

The controversy stems from a decision by the Bath city council to consider redevelopment plans that would tap an additional 100,000 gallons a day of the thermal water, above the present rate of 250,000 gallons. The additional water would supply a new complex of hotels and water treatment centers, the contemporary equivalent of what was built by the Romans.

Scientific critics say the additional flow might damage irreparably the springs that the Romans discovered. Bath draws 650,000 tourists a year and is the largest attraction in the country outside the London area. As the controversy continues, the archaeologists are clearing away debris to display the area around the temple as it looked in Roman times.

Standing on a catwalk over the excavations, archaeologist Peter Davenport told a visitor, "we're excavating piece by piece, very carefully, since we are directly under the 18th century pump room up above. We hope to develop a good picture not only about the 400 years of the Roman presence here — but what came after its collapse, a period only poorly understood."

It was the mineral hot springs, bubbling up at a temperature of about 115 degrees, that first attracted outsiders to Bath, which is set inside a loop of the Avon River and forms a natural amphitheater around the site. The Romans came upon the springs in A.D. 43, and called them *Aquae Solis*, waters of the sun. Roman legions were posted here, and left behind their names inscribed on tombstones: Gaius Murrinus Modestus of the 2nd legion, Julius Vitalis, armor of the 20th legion, G. Curvatus Saturninus, centurion of the 2nd legion, M. Aufidius Maximus, centurion of the 6th legion.

In a remarkable feat of engineering, the Romans built huge, gymnasium-like buildings to serve as baths. "A building of such complexity, incorporating elaborate heating systems and requiring the delicate control of water, needed frequent attention and renovation," said Professor Barry Cunliffe, director of the archaeological program. The Baths also show the Romans' skill at hydraulics. A reservoir was built to hold the water, and the excess flow was carefully siphoned off, with drains, built of masonry and lined with lead, that can still be seen. Hot water was funneled into the main bath. The floor is still lined with the original inch-thick lead sheeting that came from mines in the Mendip Hills 15 miles to the southwest.

The structure was kept heated by an elaborate hot-air venting system. A charcoal brazier heated the air, which flowed under the floor and gave an even temperature to the vast room. The baths were "very sophisticated," according to archaeologist Davenport. They included an "apodyterium," or

undressing room, a "tepidarium," or warm room where one could pause before moving on to the "caldarium," an intensely hot room that promoted sweating.

The bathers would be oiled and scraped clean with a bronze "strigil," before returning to the "tepidarium" to cool off a bit. Then he would plunge into the "frigidarium" or cool pool. There were also smaller pools where bathers could sit in the hot, curative waters.

There was a large courtyard, for the Roman architect Vitruvius had said, "in these colonnades, construct spacious recesses with seats in them where philosophers, rhetoricians and others who delight in learning may sit and converse." The Romans built the temple to Minerva, symbol of the arts, next to the baths, and also a pool into which visitors could cast coins and other offerings.

The tombstones provide an insight into the Roman life span at Bath: Gaius Calpurnius Receptus lived to be 75, the average age of those in the cemetery was 38. When the Roman occupation ended around the middle of the 5th century, the baths declined rapidly. Eventually reduced by weather and robbed of usable stone, they were covered by a marsh.

The temple and other buildings collapsed and over the centuries their stones were buried under three to four yards of silt as the Avon overflowed and the marsh deepened. The mud protected some of the statues and other stones as they lay covered for centuries.

Bath was captured by the Saxons in A.D. 577, and 20 years later St. Augustine arrived to convert Britain to Christianity. The springs continued to flow and about the year 1100 a bath was built. The builders were not aware that it lay exactly above the Romans' sacred reservoir. It was called the "King's Bath," after the reigning monarch, Henry I.

Throughout the Middle Ages, the waters of Bath were famous for their healing properties. With the patronage of the royal family, Bath became fashionable, and by 1700 the bath was flocking to the place. In the early 18th century, Richard (Beau) Nash was appointed the city's master of ceremonies and he solidified Bath's position on the social map, improving public entertainment and introducing music with meals.

Architect John Wood remade the city in the 18th century, using Bath limestone to build squares, crescents and terraces that are considered excellent examples of Georgian architecture.

Cannabis is America's pot of gold

By Carol Korzeziowski

NEW YORK (LOS) — Cannabis is believed to have become the United States' fourth most important crop. Its value at harvest last year was estimated at more than \$8 billion, putting it ahead of cotton, rice and potatoes.

The value has to be estimated because growing it is illegal, yet pot plantations flourish not only in the Deep South and the benevolent air of Hawaii, but in backyards across the states and under glass in Alaska.

Growers can expect to make as \$1,500 from each plant. Between 30 and 40 million Americans (a quarter of the nation) spend an estimated \$25 billion a year on marijuana, according to state and federal law enforcement agencies.

About two-thirds of this is contraband, mostly from Latin American plantations. It is smuggled in by the ton on freighters and speedboats. In the market, it is known as "commercial" or "dirt weed" and sells for around \$300 a pound.

The domestic marijuana industry has carved itself a niche for a product called sinsemilla. Sinsemilla, or "sinse" for short, consists of the flower-tops of seedless female marijuana plants.

A pound of sinse is selling this season for as much as \$2,500 in major urban markets such as New York and Los Angeles, and business, according to several sources, is booming. Between the buyer who arranges for the purchase of the farmer's dried and cured product, and the ultimate purchaser of two pin-size joints for an evening's smoke at \$10 are echelons of employees.

They share profits that can be many times the farmer's original take, and they share them quickly. The turnaround for an investment is put at around 14 days.

Prices vary considerably. The top-of-the-line item has a strong, sweet smell and a "sugar coating," created by resins that shoot up the flower petals and crystallize on the surface. Each batch has its distinctive characteristics. Color, texture and bouquet may vary.

According to most accounts, sinsemilla farming began in the United States in the mid-1970s. Marijuana, or hemp, cultivation, on the other hand, dates back to 1611 when King James I commanded that it be raised at Jamestown for the fiber. At the time of the Civil War, it was the second largest cash crop in the South. In 1937 marijuana was made illegal.

But throughout the 1960s, consumption of marijuana increased dramatically. By the end of the decade there was a highly knowledgeable market with a growing appreciation for the "exotic" and potent products smuggle from the Near and Far East.

There were also many young adults who had spent the decade at odds with the government over Vietnam and other issues. They were looking for a livelihood that would offer the least possible contact with society's restraints and would put them in touch with nature.

As one participant said: "Most of the farmers I know morally support what they're doing. They think they're growing a natural product. They're earning a living and they don't really see a difference between marijuana and soybeans."

A sinsemilla farm is generally very small with a crop of 40 to 50 plants at most. These plants may not even be in a field or even on the farm, but scattered on adjacent properties or in parks, among weeds, brambles and bushes. It is rare that as much as an acre is given over to sinse.

The reason is that marijuana cultivation is a felony in all states other than Alaska and Oregon. The penalties vary but are tending to get stiffer. A sentence of five to 10 years and confiscation of the crop and property is typical. In Montana, according to George Farham, national director of NORML (National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws), a grower can receive life imprisonment.

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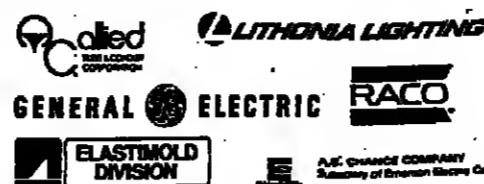
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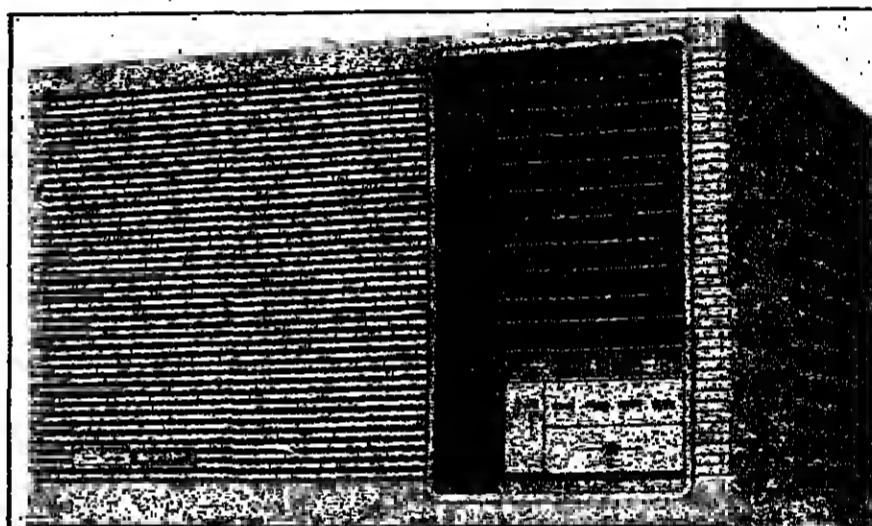
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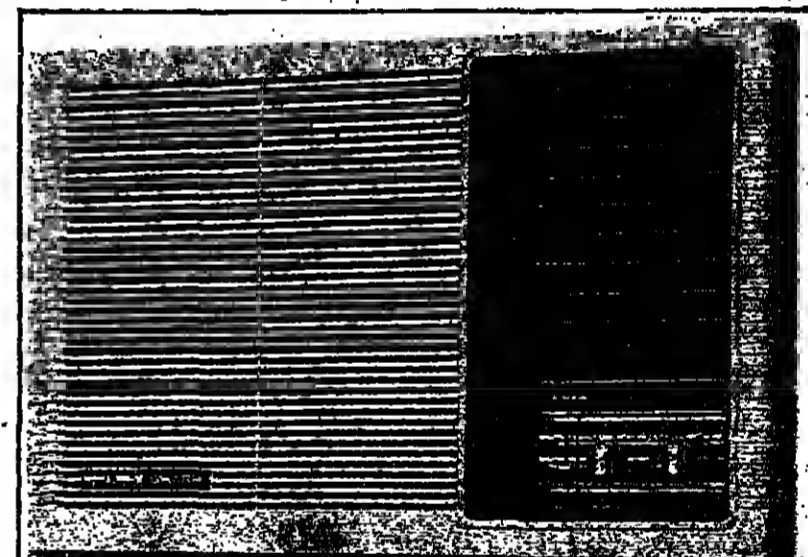
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With deep cuts in public spending

Britons fear two standards of medicine

By Peter Osmon

CARDIFF, Wales (WP) — A few months ago, the British United Provident Association (known as BUPA), the country's largest private insurance company, opened a spiffy multimillion-dollar, 108-bed hospital here. Its color-coordinated rooms, the credit-card applications on the front counter and its catered meals contrast sharply with the drab surrounding in state hospitals.

"We believe we can offer the best of service," said the hospital's 29-year-old director, Christopher Williams, citing "higher nursing ratios, the best operating theater, and quicker services which avoid pain and discomfort for the patients in many instances."

In a Britain worried about the fate of comprehensive, free medical care, the vision of more American-style hospitals like that one, underwritten by a major increase in private insurance, causes anguish to supporters of the troubled national health system. They fear any hints that Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government would establish two standards of medicine again in Britain — the best for those who can pay, what's left for the rest.

The private health sector in Britain is still very small. Throughout the country, there are now only 150 private hospitals, with no more than 120 beds each. Doctors, including the most eminent specialists, owe their first obligation to the state service, which also has the most advanced technology in teaching and research institutions. But that could

change if a politically palatable approach is found.

In early September, a secret report was sent to Mrs. Thatcher and her cabinet by the government's think tank, the central policy review staff, listing options for deep cuts in public spending, a detailed plan for dismantling much of the British welfare state.

One radical proposal considered likely to appeal to Mrs. Thatcher's conservative views was to completely replace the national system of free health care with private insurance, for a saving of up to 40 percent of the country's health budget in just the first year. In addition, the report suggested charging for visits to doctors and raising the price of drugs. The needy would be provided an insurance minimum.

When the study's contents were leaked to the *Economist* magazine, the political and public outcry at even the idea that nationalized health care might be drastically downgraded was such that the Thatcher government promptly "shelved" the recommendations.

In a major speech to the annual Conservative Party conference a few days later, Mrs. Thatcher felt it necessary to go even further. "Let me make one thing absolutely clear," she said. "The national health service is safe with us."

But there remain many people in Britain today — including some of Mrs. Thatcher's closest advisers — who are doubtful that a comprehensive state-supported service can survive in its present form, given that it is unable to meet the increasing demands on it. "The health service is a very powerful piece of social furniture," said one senior official.

He added, however, that it is becoming too expensive.

Assuming that Mrs. Thatcher achieves her objective of a second term as prime minister, the rule of private medicine in Britain seems bound to increase. As a first step, certain aspects of the national service could be parceled out to private enterprise to improve efficiency — laundry, for example, or food supply. More threatening to the health system's backers would be tax relief to holders of private policies, as several Conservatives have suggested.

Over 4 million people are already in private insurance programs, mainly provided by their employers. In 1980, as worry over the future of the health service started to mount, there was a 27 percent increase in subscribers. The growth rate has fallen since, in part because the government thus far has been unable to implement any moves toward "privatization," as it is called.

With the West trapped in a prolonged economic slump, governments of all political stripes — from Mrs. Thatcher and President Reagan on the right of France's Socialist President Francois Mitterrand on the left — are finding it ever harder to meet the costs of cradle-to-grave social benefits established after World War II. For Britain the problem is particularly severe.

Like the Reagan administration, Mrs. Thatcher and the Conservative Party have scaled back wherever possible on social spending, asserting that basic assistance such as unemployment benefits for the growing number of jobless, social security and subsidized medical care would not be affected. At the same time, the government has been rais-

ing the amount of its commitment to defense.

To do all this, the Thatcher government in its 3½ years in office was actually had to increase public spending from 41 percent of the gross national product to 45 percent — an ideological paradox for the Tories similar to Reagan presiding over the biggest federal deficits in history.

For the health service alone, the percentage of gross national product has risen from 4.8 percent to 5.7 percent, according to Minister of Health Kenneth Clarke.

Harold Cairns, who has been a general practitioner for 25 years in the same working-class district as his father was before him, strongly disagrees. "An increase in private care would greatly reduce the general level of treatment in the country," he said. It's "not that care wouldn't be provided. It would be just that much harder to get for the less affluent."

Ninety percent of "health contacts" in Britain are with neighboring practitioners like Cairns and these, it is widely agreed, continue to offer easily available, free treatment, reflecting the improvements in medicine of the past three decades. "Everybody has a doctor they can go to and who will come to them if necessary," he said, and in a crisis, any patient can expect a hospital place immediately.

"A man with cancer of the stomach or appendicitis will get an operation right away," Cairns explained. "It is the person with a hernia or varicose veins (who) will have to wait and wait."

It is to alleviate those delays in obtaining minor or elective operations that more people are turning to hospitals like the new BUPA one here. To a small degree, they serve the purpose of whittling down waiting lists. When Mrs. Thatcher received treatment for varicose veins recently, she did so at a private clinic.

But these are only partial palliatives to a far greater problem. Health professionals, recognizing that government money will remain short for the foreseeable future, are groping for some broader solution. One compromise proposal would be to charge minimum fees for those who can afford them in existing health service facilities.

"You cannot, we believe, want to go down in history as the prime minister who won the battle for the Falklands while losing the battle for the national health service," the *Times* health services supplement said in its open letter to her last month. "A civilized society is judged by the quality of its compassion for the weak and sick." They are "in greater jeopardy now," the letter declared, than "at any time" since the health service was created in 1948. (Concluded)



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N.Yemen acts to save rhinos

GLAND, Switzerland — The highly threatened African black rhino may have been given a new lease of life by the recent decision of the Yemen Arab Republic to ban the import of the animal's horn.

Yemen is the world's single biggest market for the poacher-supplied horns, which are carved into elaborate dagger handles. Considered a status symbol, these *jambiyas* are proudly worn at the waist by 80 percent of the adult males and may cost up to \$1,000.

According to Dr. Esmond Bradley-Martin, who made a fact-finding mission to North Yemen on behalf of the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) in 1978, North Yemen imported 22,645 kg of rhino horn between 1969 and 1977, equivalent to the deaths of 8000 rhinos, one of the world's most threatened large land mammals. Perhaps half the dagger handles are fashioned from rhino horn.

Surprisingly, a 1981 mission by Faisal A. Izzeddin, Deputy Director of Al Areen Wildlife Park in Bahrain, advised WWF/IUCN

that most traders and manufacturers of rhino horn dagger handles did not know which animal produced the prized horn and were unable to identify the source when shown photographs depicting a rhino, giraffe and antelope.

Diplomatic efforts by the African Wildlife Leadership Foundation (AWLF) were instrumental in bringing about the government decision. International public awareness of the issue was generated by the recent WWF/IUCN "Save the Rhino" campaign which drew world attention to the plight of the black rhinos, whose numbers have plummeted to some 10,000 to 15,000 today with a slaughter in the last decade of over 90 percent of the most concentrated populations in Kenya, Uganda and northern Tanzania.

Hussein M. Almagbaly, ambassador to international organizations in Geneva of the Arab Republic of Yemen, noted that the government's decision is "in keeping with its endeavour to protect endangered species throughout the world."

MAMMOGRAPHY AFTER AGE 50

STOP KILLING YOURSELF

By Peter J.

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Dear Dr. Steinrohn: Guess what I got at age 50 for a birthday present? A mammography. My doctor had refused to use this test routinely until I reached this age. In view of the many differences of opinion when to use mammography, I'll appreciate an up-to-date review of this problem. — Mrs. M.

Dear Mrs. M.: Happy birthday! Only a mammography as a birthday gift? To make it less somber, I suggest that the doctor also throw in a box of chocolates or a good book. But seriously, there's good reason for your doctor's decision.

In *American Medical News* (7/30/82), I've been reading the recommendations of the American Cancer Society's recent report. Mammography and physical examination of the breast should be a routine part of the annual checkup for all women over age 50. "It's the only cancer-screening technique with documented proof of survival benefits" for over-50 women. But any woman having a breast mass or nipple discharge should have a mammography and any other diagnostic study necessary. But mammography should be done by experienced, well-trained individuals, using modern, carefully monitored equipment and thorough physical examinations. Doctors should recognize the limitations of mammography. When physical findings reveal sufficient evidence to advise biopsy, it should be

performed even if mammograms are normal. In a study of 280,000 women, nearly 90 percent of the 3,557 breast cancers discovered had been found by mammography and also 56 percent by physical examination. They concluded: "— with today's technology, judiciously used and in trained hands, the likelihood of developing radiation-induced breast cancer from mammography is small."

MEDICALETTERS

(Replies to and from readers)

For Mrs. C.: During the past year or so, there has been much in the news advising alcohol and exercise to raise the "good cholesterol" in the blood, raising the HDL (high density lipoproteins) and lowering the LDL (low density lipoprotein.) But many cardiovascular specialists are questioning this. For example, in the *New England Journal of Medicine* (6/24/82), Robert S. Lees, M.D. writes: "no one has shown that raising HDL cholesterol — reduces the risk of atherosclerosis. It may well be that elevating any of the components of plasma HDL by dietary or pharmacologic therapy will have no effect (or even an adverse effect) on the course of atherosclerotic disease."

(Tomorrow: Gout not always typical)

Thailand's National Day

December 5th is Thailand's National Day. It is the birthday of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand.

LAND AND PEOPLE

The Kingdom of Thailand covers an area about the size of France (518,000 sq. kms.) It occupies a strategic position in Southeast Asia with its mainland adjoining Kampuchea (Cambodia) to the East, Burma to the West, Malaysia to the South and Burma and Laos to the North.

The population of Thailand numbers about 47 million (1982 estimate) and is growing at the rate of 21%. The majority of the labour force is engaged in agriculture, forestry, fishery etc.

RELIGIONS IN THAILAND

Although the majority of the people is Buddhist, Muslims rank second and are about 4.09%. The rest are Christians, Hindus and others; there is complete freedom of worship and religious tolerance in Thailand. Such freedom is guaranteed and safeguarded both in law and practice, by constitution and supported by domestic laws. For example, Muslims can enjoy complete freedom of religious worship in addition to having separate religious courts and institutionalized codes of conduct as dictated by the Koran. To guarantee freedom of faith in religion, His Majesty the King bestows His Royal Patronage on all religions in Thailand.

GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

Thailand is an old nation with a well established and distinctive government. The word "Thai" means "free" with special emphasis on freedom from foreign domination. Indeed, Thailand is one of the countries which managed to free itself from Western colonialism.

Thailand is governed by a constitutional monarchy with the King as Head of State. This monarchy is also governed under a Parliamentary system with the Prime Minister as Head of the Government.

Thailand is administratively divided into 72 provinces. Bangkok (population about 5 million people) is the capital and also the centre of

government administration as well as the centre of commercial, industrial, social and political life.

MONARCHY IN THAILAND: PILLAR OF NATIONAL SOLIDARITY

His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej was born on 5th December, 1927 and became King in 1946. On the occasion of his coronation on the 5th of May, 1950, he made the pledge "We shall reign with righteousness for the happiness and welfare of the Thai people." He married Queen Sirikit on April 28, 1950. Their Majesties have four children namely: Their Royal Highness Princess Ubol Ratana, Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn, Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn, and Princess Chulabhorn.

The King of Thailand is the repository of the Sacred Trust of the Thai people, the Supreme Symbol of the nation's unity and the Patron of the Art, Culture and all religions believed by Thai people.

Beside the King, Her Majesty the Queen, in her absolute dedication to the Royal tasks, tries as far as possible to be present in all general activities connected with the throne. She participates with His Majesty the King in all works and activities for the welfare and well-being of the Thai people. The major concerns of Her Majesty involve rural problems, especially those concerned with villagers and poor people's problems and welfare.

PROMOTION OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

It is the constant policy of the Thai Government to promote investment in industries, agricultural and mineral products by granting promotional privileges to investors via the board of Investment and under the Promotion of Investment Act. Special privileges are given such as an exemption of import duties, income taxes and business taxes on raw materials and sale of products, for five years. Investors are free to bring their foreign technicians, remit their profits abroad and the special right to possess the land.

LABOUR FORCE

Thailand has an abundant supply of skilled low-cost labour. They are hardworking and receptive. In 1979, labour force in Thailand was estimated at 20.5 million representing 44.5 per cent of the entire population and there are a great number of workers available for employment. At present, Thai workers who are performing their duties in this Kingdom are not less than 60,000. Most of them enjoy their working life with their employers and they are able to get along with the environment in this happy Kingdom. The increase in the number of Thai workers in this Kingdom in future largely depends on the continued development of Saudi Arabia in all fields of construction.

The following is the personal points of view given by H.E. Suwat Senivongs Na Ayurhaya, Ambassador of Thailand.

PRESENT SAUDI-THAI RELATIONS

The friendly relations between the Kingdoms of Thailand and Saudi Arabia have been founded on a firm basis in earlier times. During my assignment here, I can assure you that relations between Thailand and Saudi Arabia at the government as well as at the people's level have progressively and increasingly developed in accordance with the principle of mutually beneficial co-operation.

Regarding economic and social co-operation, I may say that relations in these fields are smoothly increasing and have come up to satisfactory level. The volume of trade has risen to about 51% in 1981 and there is a prospect of more co-operation in the coming years. I wish to bring contact and co-operation in the fields of social and cultural, agricultural and technical know-how between the two Kingdoms in the future.

Regarding the Arab cause, the Thai Government attaches great significance to the Fez Peace Plan since it will help bring peace to this region.

Thailand's attitude towards the Arab-Israeli conflict has been made clear by the speech of Thai Foreign Minister Air-Chief Marshal Siddhi Savetsila in the UN General Assembly on September 30, 1982. I may emphasize on the following points; that is, the Thai Government joins with Arab countries for the expeditious and total withdrawal of Israeli forces from



occupied Arab territory, recognition of the right to statehood of Palestinian people, right of self-determination without external interference. It also emphasized the significance of the Arab Fez Plan which marks a historic step and establishes a framework for further dialogue and negotiations acceptable to the Palestinian and the key Arab states.

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Singapore training skilled labor force

By Michael Richardson

SINGAPORE, (Dephnews) — As countries around the world wrestle with unacceptably high and politically explosive unemployment, Singapore is working to turn a slack in demand for jobs to long-term advantage.

From a record low level of 2.9 percent in June 1981, the unemployment rate crept up to 3.9 percent at the end of the year, according to the latest annual report of the Ministry of Labor. Up to 5 percent of the 1.2 million work force may now be without jobs but indications are that only a small proportion are "hardcore" unemployed, meaning they cannot find any paid work at all. The others are short-term unemployed looking around for congenial positions.

The deputy head of the government's employment service said that of some 3,000 retrenched in the first nine months of the year, mainly from the manufacturing sector, only about 10 percent found it necessary to register for work. Nearly all those who registered were offered jobs, but one in five turned them down because they thought the pay was too low, the distance between their home and prospective place of employment too great or the new work not what they were used to doing.

The People's Action Party headed by Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew, has been in power without a break since 1959. Political continuity, skilful management and a sustained drive to attract foreign and domestic investors into job-creating ventures in manufacturing and service industries cut the unemployment rate from more than 12 percent in the 1960s to 4.8 percent in 1971 and 3.5 percent in 1980.

One foreign diplomat here who keeps a close eye on the economy says he believes there is no unemployment problem. "In fact there's still a labor shortage in some sectors," Singapore's lone opposition member of parliament, Jeyaratnam, secretary-general of the Workers' Party, has not tried to make an issue of joblessness. He has found it more productive to focus on other questions of concern to electors — the cost and quality of public housing, transport, compulsory national service and lack of social welfare benefits common to Western industrial democracies.

The government provides subsidized public housing for more than 70 percent of the population as well as low-cost access to public health facilities and schools. But it does not offer unemployment benefits. Instead it preaches an oriental version of the western work ethic — self-help, thrift and hard work.

In Singapore, the stress has been on job creation. In the 1960s, real rates of annual economic growth averaged 8.7 percent; in the 1970s, 9.4 percent. According to the Labor Ministry, nearly 51,000 jobs were created in 1980 and 48,000 last year. Three-fifths of them were in manufacturing and commerce which employ just under 75 percent of the work force. But manufacturing — particularly the electrical, electronics, textile, clothing, timber, ship repairing and oil rig construction industries — was the sector most adversely affected by the recession in the first half of 1982. Output declined by 1.2 percent, the first negative growth in seven years.

In his national Day message in August, Lee warned that Singapore would probably end up with an economic growth rate of less than 5 percent this year and that there were troubled times ahead. "The Singapore economy can stand recession in America and Europe for one or two more years, but not longer. Our external trade is three to four times the value of gross domestic product. Only Hong

Kong is more vulnerable to external economic pressures.

"In a prolonged recession, or a depression, the younger generation will find the going hard, because they have never experienced unemployment and deprivation. The experience will be sobering, but not crippling, for they will learn to face and overcome adversity as an earlier generation learned to do," Lee said in answer to an economic slowdown was "not to let our hands at our bad luck, but to work harder, to improve work attitude and to increase productivity. We have to move forward and upward, diversify our economy, upgrade technology in factories and offices, and increase our knowledge and skills."

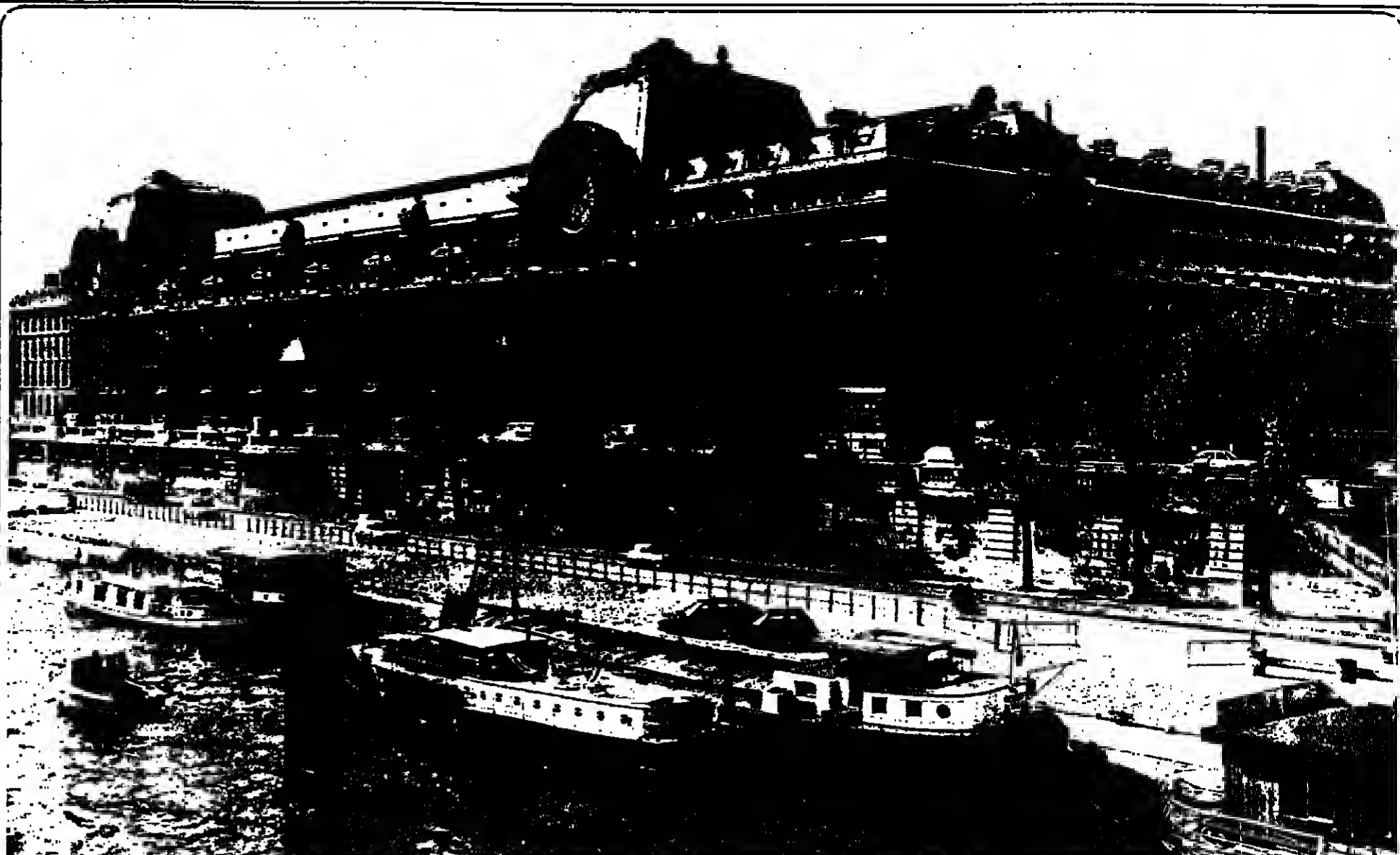
Some cabinet ministers say privately that slump could turn out to be a blessing in disguise, provided it is only temporary. They believe it will provide necessary stimulus for upgrading the quality of the workforce and the phasing out of foreign labor. With a booming economy for the past two decades, Singaporeans have been able to pick and choose their jobs, changing from one to another in pursuit of higher wages, and better working conditions. Most have preferred to take up government, administrative, professional, service industry and other white collar employment.

The result: an acute blue collar labor shortage especially in shipyards and the still dynamic construction industry. An estimated 150,000 foreign workers — more than 10 percent of the labor force — have been allowed into Singapore on short-term permits to fill these job vacancies. They come mainly from Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Philippines, India, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.

Lee announced early this year that this influx was a stop-gap measure while labor-intensive industries were either being phased out or mechanized. Although some employers doubt that the government can meet its target, he said foreign workers without special skills would have to leave by the end of 1984, with the exception of those in construction, shipyards and domestic service. This would hasten modernization of economy. The government's goal was to have no unskilled aliens by 1991. But Lee said those who would "raise our level of productivity" would get permanent residence leading to citizenship. "We can see what has happened in Britain, France and even West Germany because they used immigrants — whether West Indians or Africans, or Turks, or Yugoslavs — to do the heavy and tough jobs. They have inherited grave social problems. The Japanese, on the other hand, do all their own heavy and dirty jobs. They have no social problems or riots. Instead, they have high productivity from their homogenous workforce."

Singapore's Trade and Industry Minister, Tan, a former banker trained in the U.S. and Australia, recently announced an anti-recession program intended to steer the island-state through the difficult times ahead. The scheme includes setting up a trade development board early next year to spearhead an export drive, pegging wage increases to productivity and retraining 600,000 workers — about half the labor force — who have an education below secondary school level. The government, the ruling party, the trade union movement and some employers have all agreed to throw their weight behind this task.

Lim Chee Onn, secretary-general of the national Trades Union Congress, said that some progress had been made since the project started in July. But it was too slow.



HISTORIC MONUMENT: Built in 1910 by Laloux, the Gare d'Orsay has been classified as a historic monument by the French government. A rich museum in which art will not be isolated but set in its historical context will be housed in this building.

New Paris museum to house 19th century art

PARIS (RFT) — Paris is to have another museum, the "musée d'Orsay", whose officials call it "the historic home of artistic production between 1848 and 1914". The original idea, unique in the world, is to use an abandoned station, a typical 19th-century creation, to house artistic works of that period.

Built in 1910 by Laloux, who was not a popular character, the Gare d'Orsay was abandoned in 1961. Several times there was talk of knocking it down but it was finally classified as a "historic monument" in 1978. It was in 1973 that President Pom-

pidon had had the idea of a museum.

But the idea did not become a reality until the presidency of Valéry Giscard d'Estaing. Before and after the election of Francois Mitterrand, several modifications were made to the original project, and today the president of the museum is Jacques Rigaud, a state adviser, assisted by Madeleine Rebchroux, a historian of the social movements of the 19th century.

The renovation of this enormous space (170 meters long and 24 meters high under the dome) will cost a thousand million francs and will be completed in 1986. The

final design will be in simple style, in marked contrast to the complicated ancient structure. In fact, the architects will keep only the rococo facade and the immense dome of the original building. When he goes in, the visitor will immediately see the huge metallic arch and dome, flanked on both sides by windowed galleries overlooking the central bay. The floor, sloping upward, will be cut into platforms and a central stairway.

Only when the basic work has been completed, i.e., next year, will the fitting out of the halls be known. But it is already known that the biggest areas will go to the Impre-

ssionists, the Post-Impressionists, the "nabis" and the "pompier". But space will also be reserved for the press, publishing profession, posters, photography, the birth of the movies and also the new techniques, side by side with paintings and sculptures.

A part from the permanent collections, the public will be able to discover temporary exhibitions where, for instance, literature will have its place. For we cannot imagine the second half of the 19th century without mentioning Zola and Baudelaire. The aim of the organizers, in fact, is to create a rich museum in which art will not be isolated but set in its historical context.

Californian town honors Danish architect and craftsman

By Charles Hillinger

SOLVANG, California, (LAT) — This small town is as well known in Denmark as it is in New York and Chicago. Its quaint architecture is right out of Hans Christian Andersen — steep, gabled, simulated thatched roofs, whimsical wainscoting, hand-carved corbels, old world towers, rooftop weathervanes and storks.

Solvang is the Danish capital of America — thanks to Ferd Sorensen, or Sir Ferdinand, as he was called by Denmark's Queen Margrethe II when she knighted him in 1976. If Sorensen, 82, had not built his windmill and his Danish-style provincial home in 1945, Solvang probably still would be a nondescript tiny farm center roughly 20 miles from Santa Barbara and the hometown of a few Danish-American families.

Sorensen's house and windmill made such a hit he went ahead and gave the town's block

of business buildings a face-lift — Danish-style — in 1946 and 1947. Now there are several blocks of bakeries, restaurants, shops, motels and offices all in Danish motif, most designed and many handcrafted inside and out by Ferd Sorensen.

His imprint is everywhere in Solvang, from the band-carved benches on the sidewalks to the royal guard boxes (public telephone booths) on street corners. That's why the queen knighted him. That's why the silver-haired, blazing blue-eyed Danish-American is affectionately known as "Mr. Solvang."

The population of Solvang is 13 times today (3,300) what it was when Sorensen and his wife, Gudrun, arrived here in 1933. Almost all the population are Danes from the old country.

"My wife and I moved out from Nebraska. Times were bad. It was the middle of the Great Depression. I heeded Horace Greeley's advice. You know: 'Go West,

young man. Go West" recalls Sorensen.

"I was a plumber. Solvang, first settled by Danes in 1911, needed a plumber." He worked at his trade until he built his house and his windmill, then became the town's architect and craftsman.

"The crazy thing about all this is I'm not even a native-born Dane. Gudrun is, but not me. I'm a third-generation American of Danish stock. My grandparents migrated to America in the 1870s," explains Sorensen. "But I've always had a deep feeling about my heritage. I grew up in a Danish community in Nebraska, was educated in a Danish folk school."

Sorensen is as well known in Denmark as is the Danish town he made famous. He and his wife have made a dozen trips to Aalborg, Denmark, for the annual July 4th celebration there. "There is this huge celebration of America's birthday every year at Aalborg attended by thousands of Danish-Americans

as well as thousands of others", he notes.

To honor Sorensen, there are two huge paintings at the local American National Bank — one of the man who made the place famous, and another of Ferd Sorensen's famous windmill.

It was Sorensen who went to Denmark and brought home the Hans Christian Andersen statue in the town park. He hand-carved and placed all the storks on the rooftops all over town.

"Real storks build their nests on rooftops in the old country," explains Sorensen. "When a stork builds a nest on someone's home or other buildings, it is a sign of good luck."

Sorensen continues to carve the storks. He continues to design new buildings and do exteriors and interiors all over town. He hasn't slowed down. "I can't. There's too much to do. And anyway, I enjoy being busy."

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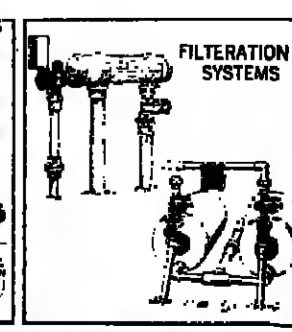
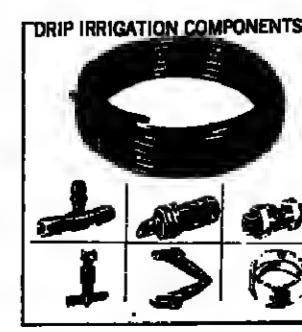
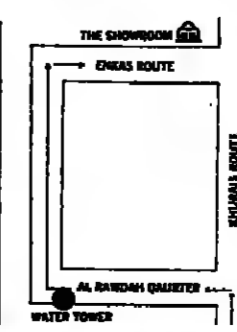
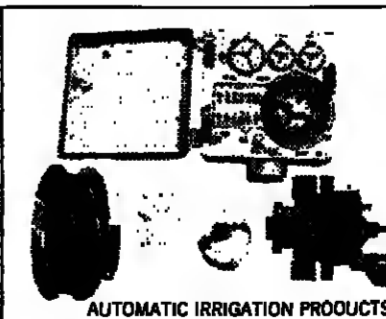


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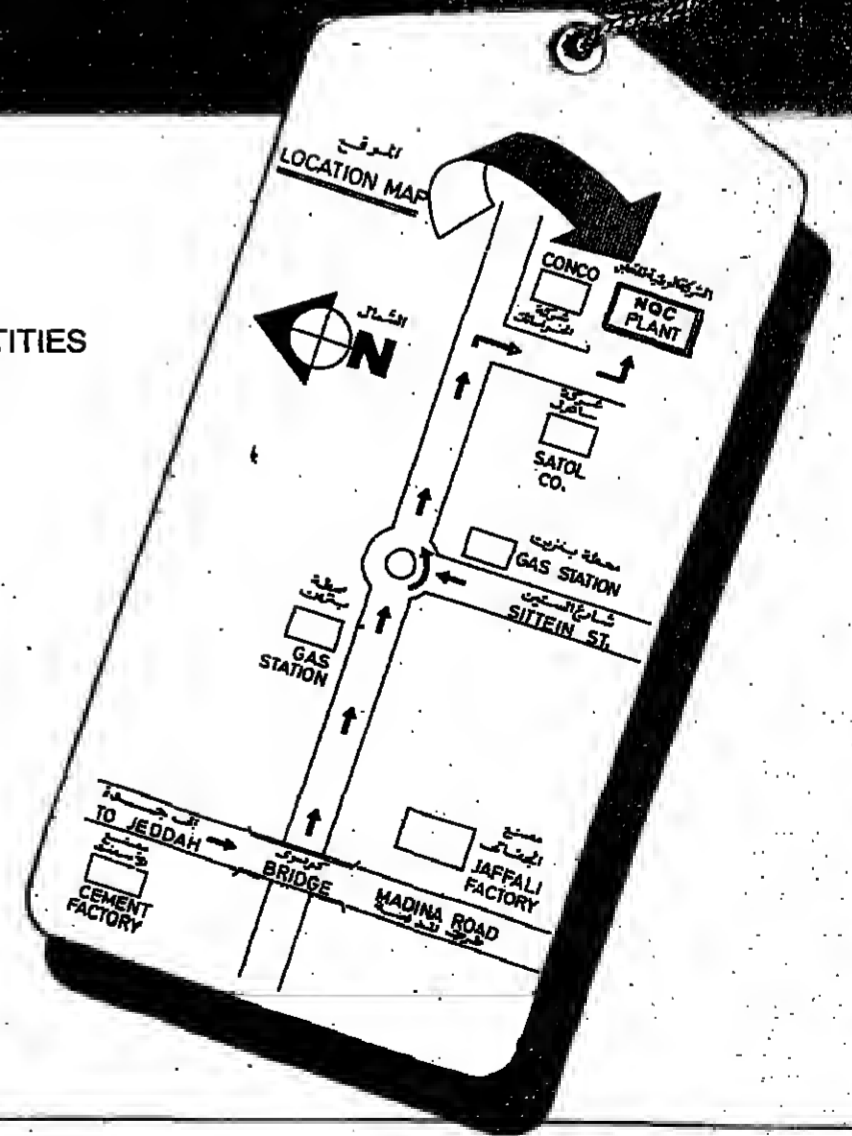
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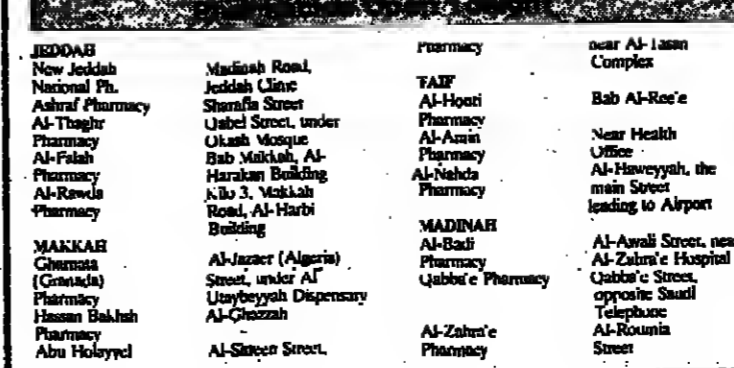
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